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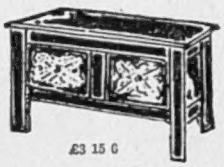

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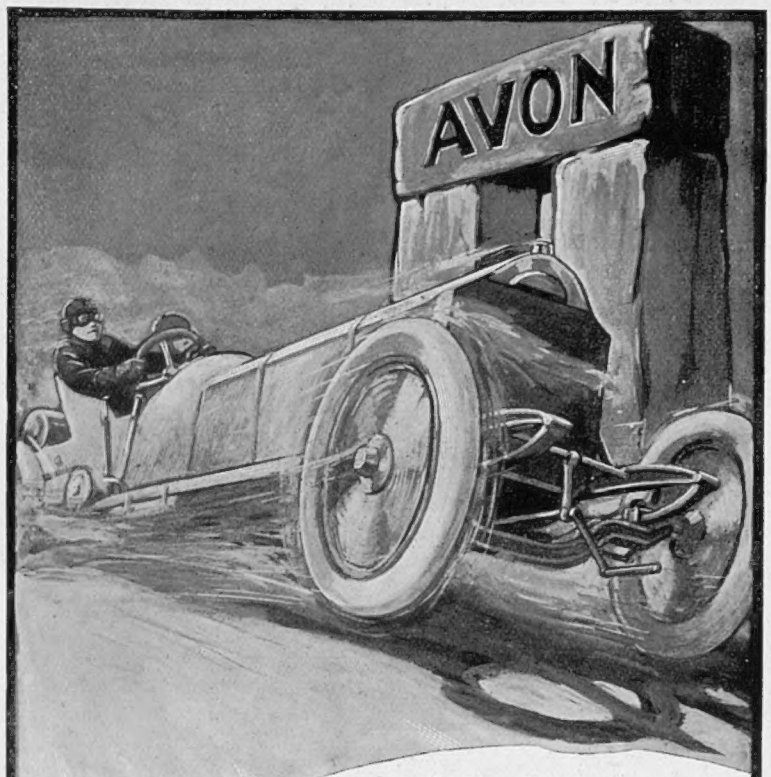

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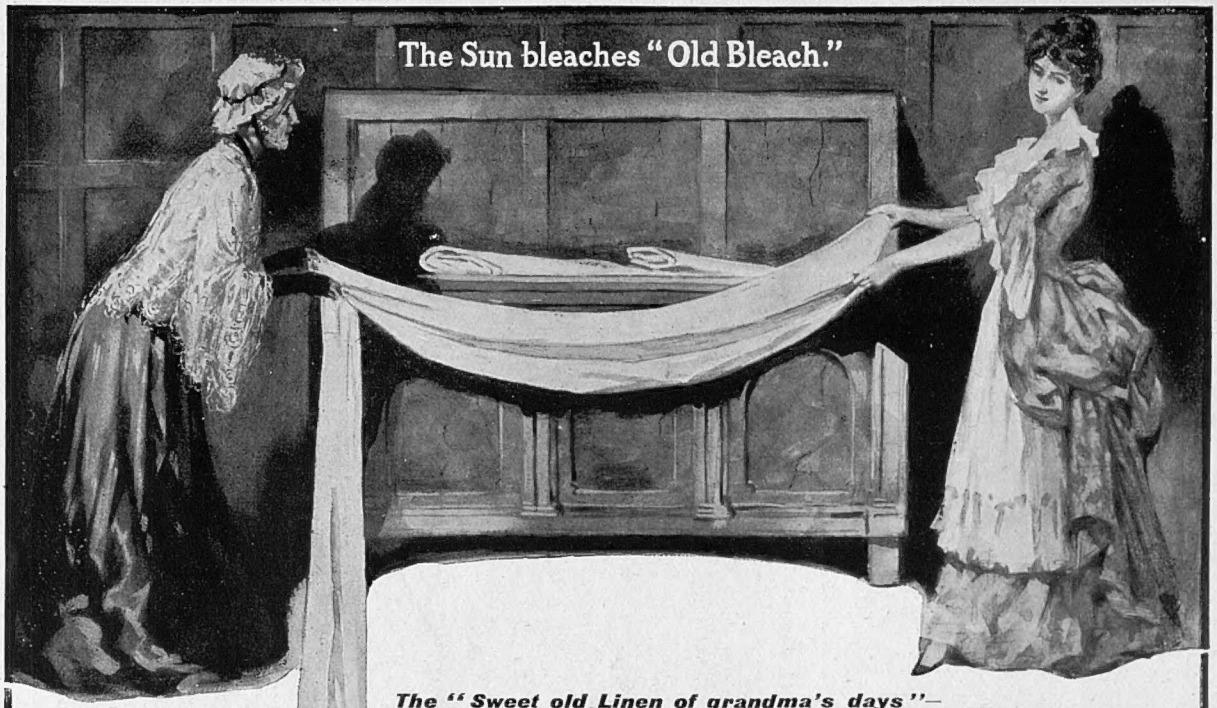

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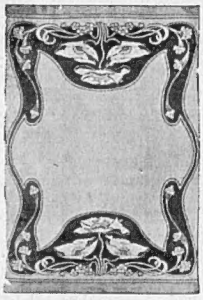

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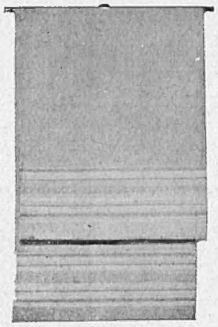

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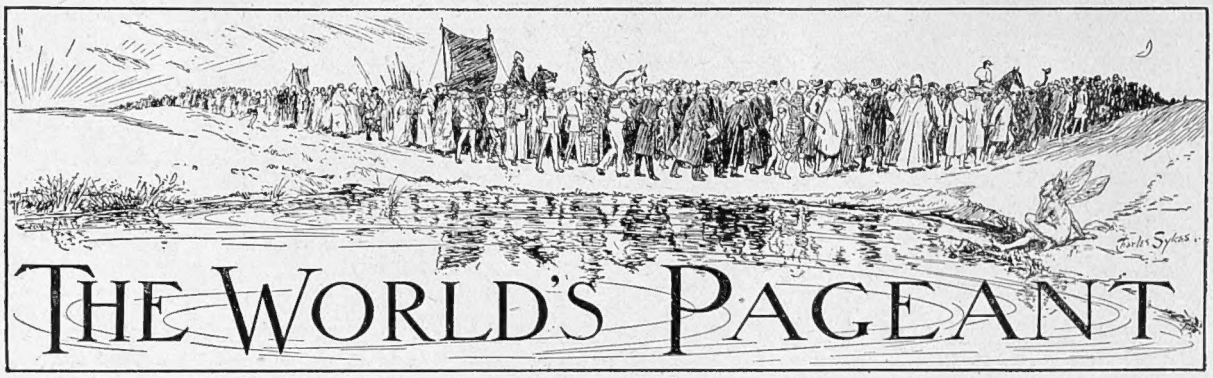
MISS DOROTHY HARDCASTLE

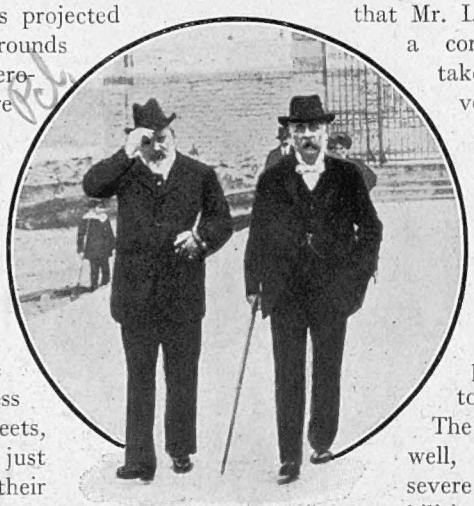
Daughter of the late Mr. Frank Hardcastle, once M.P. for the Westhoughton Division of Lancashire. She is engaged to marry Major F. W. Heath, Royal Horse Artillery



THE WORLD'S PAGEANT

Royal Repose

The quiet round and daily task at Biarritz has greatly pleased the King, who finds himself already better for the change. Beyond his projected expedition to the aviation grounds at Pau to inspect Mr. Wright's aeroplane, his outward movements are not chronicled to any great extent, but in the main he is, for once, permitted to avoid the inquisitorial interest of his loyal admirers. Looking upon his Majesty as he takes his brisk walk along the beach to the Côte des Basques or Attalaya Hill, and glancing at her Majesty as she drives with her sister, the Empress Marie, through our wintry streets, one can hardly believe that it is just now forty-six years since their marriage. Time is not often so gentle with crowned heads.



King Edward and his Physician, Sir James Reid, on the Front at Biarritz

The Lloyd George Lawsuit

A flutter of intense curiosity went round the town on Thursday afternoon on it being suddenly announced that Mr. Lloyd George's libel action against a contemporary was actually to be taken the following morning. The very suddenness of the decision aroused a suspicion that a settlement had been pre-arranged, and so it turned out to be. The Court was crowded to suffocation, mostly, however, by members of the legal and journalistic professions. Mr. Lloyd George appeared, accompanied by Mrs. Lloyd George, to whom he introduced counsel. The Chancellor looked surprisingly well, considering how exceedingly severe are his present Budget responsibilities. He is a man of pleasing appearance, and some charm of manner;

The Mediterranean Commander-in-Chief at Khartoum

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princess Patricia, Lady Wingate, the Sirdar (the rumours of whose retirement from the Army are quite baseless), and Major-General Baron von Slatin Pasha, may be seen in the group above. They are inspecting native silver exhibits at the Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition in the Public Gardens, Khartoum

he has a wealth of wavy brown hair, tending slightly to greyness, a healthy complexion, and in his eyes a look of shrewdness which, when on the platform or in the House, gives way so thoroughly to a gleam of Celtic emotionalism. The ordeal through which he was designed by counsel to undergo, *i.e.*, to make a declaration on oath from the witness-box, was one through which Mr. Lloyd George came with great personal credit. In unhesitating tones, he denied the allegations made against him. This authoritative announcement on the part of the Chancellor of the Exchequer conveys, of course, nothing new to readers of THE BYSTANDER, as I was enabled, in our issue of September 16 last, to publish, after a great deal of trouble and expense, a precisely worded statement to the same effect.

characteristic as to cause us neither surprise nor annoyance.

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A Suggestion

The damages paid by the *People*, viz., £1,000, are to be applied to charities to be named by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. It is to be feared that these will be organisations already in existence, and I see that sundry Carnarvon concerns have already inundated their right hon. Member with applications. Otherwise one might have commended to his notice, as a deserving cause, the forthcoming Society for the Relief of Stranded Super-taxpayers.

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A Week of Shopping

The week is, we are told, one of shopping. The advent of the enterprising Mr. Selfridge to London

Photo] **Mrs. and Mrs. Lloyd George Photographed Leaving the Law Courts after the Case Against the "People"** [*Halftones, Ltd.*

In the result, the defendants tendered a full apology, and the jury awarded £1,000 damages to Mr. Lloyd George, who will devote this sum to charity. In addition, the defendants agreed to pay Mr. Lloyd George's costs as between solicitor and client. A feature of the trial was the complimentary allusion on the part of the plaintiff's counsel to THE BYSTANDER, which was concerned in a similar case last year

"The Bystander" in Court—and the Press

Before I conclude my comments on this matter, I should like to express my sense of the courtesy with which Mr. Rufus Isaacs, in the course of his opening address, alluded to THE BYSTANDER. Mr. Isaacs, it will be remembered, complimented THE BYSTANDER as having, on the occasion of its withdrawal last summer, "done everything that could be expected by a journal of its standing." It is also a testimony to the friendly relations which this journal enjoys with its daily contemporaries to place on record that the great majority of these printed Mr. Rufus Isaacs's words exactly as he uttered them. The fact that the *Daily Mail* should, while appearing to give a verbatim report of Mr. Isaacs's speech, have thought it necessary to suppress the complimentary allusion, is so

has awakened a hitherto dormant desire on the part of our townswomen to possess themselves of draperies and such-like. Most husbands among us will have thought that the wifely needs were adequately catered for by existing enterprises. Mr. Selfridge, however, in his gracefully worded advertisements, lays but little stress on the commercial side of his gigantic undertaking. We are to look upon Selfridge's rather as a pleasant place for a quiet look round than as a mere store. We are to go there as connoisseurs contemplating a choice collection, not as seekers after bargains. Everything is to be done to make our visit pleasant for us, and should anybody desire to acquire any new possessions on a basis of payment, it is rumoured that even that will not be impossible in this remarkable establishment.

The Ides of March

Both the Queen and Princess Victoria were obliged to remain within the Palace for several days this week. Chills and colds have been rather unpleasant visitors to Royalty as well as to lesser personages of late, and it is said that some people at home rather envy the labours of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who have been visiting Khartoum and carrying the British military cult into the wilderness of the Upper Nile. The photograph shows them, in delightful sunshine, engaged in the pleasing duty of inspecting native silver exhibits at Khartoum.

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Horse Shows—and Horses' Tails

His Majesty's interest in horse-breeding is so keen that he must have missed the show at the Agricultural Hall on the 10th with great regret. He has presented a magnificent trophy, valued at £500, for competition at the forthcoming International Horse Show, which will be competed for by officers of all nationalities over a course of special military jumps, including a line of infantry, six feet high. A point that called forth a good deal of comment among the spectators at last week's show was the grotesque way in which a number of the horses' tails had been docked. Some of the hunters had things sticking out of them that looked like tent-pegs. Not only had the tails been cut practically right off, but the remaining stumps looked as if all the hairs had been either pulled out of them or singed off.

Portraits, Lively and Severe

The vogue of producing in the illustrated papers snapshots and photographs of all sorts of persons who are in the movement, if not actually of the centre, has resulted in an extraordinary number of dull and *posé* presentations of people, charming perhaps in themselves, but when photographed, quite—well, unpicturesque. How would it be to reproduce only beautiful photographs of beautiful people, interesting pictures of those who interest, and so on until one realised the counsel of perfection?

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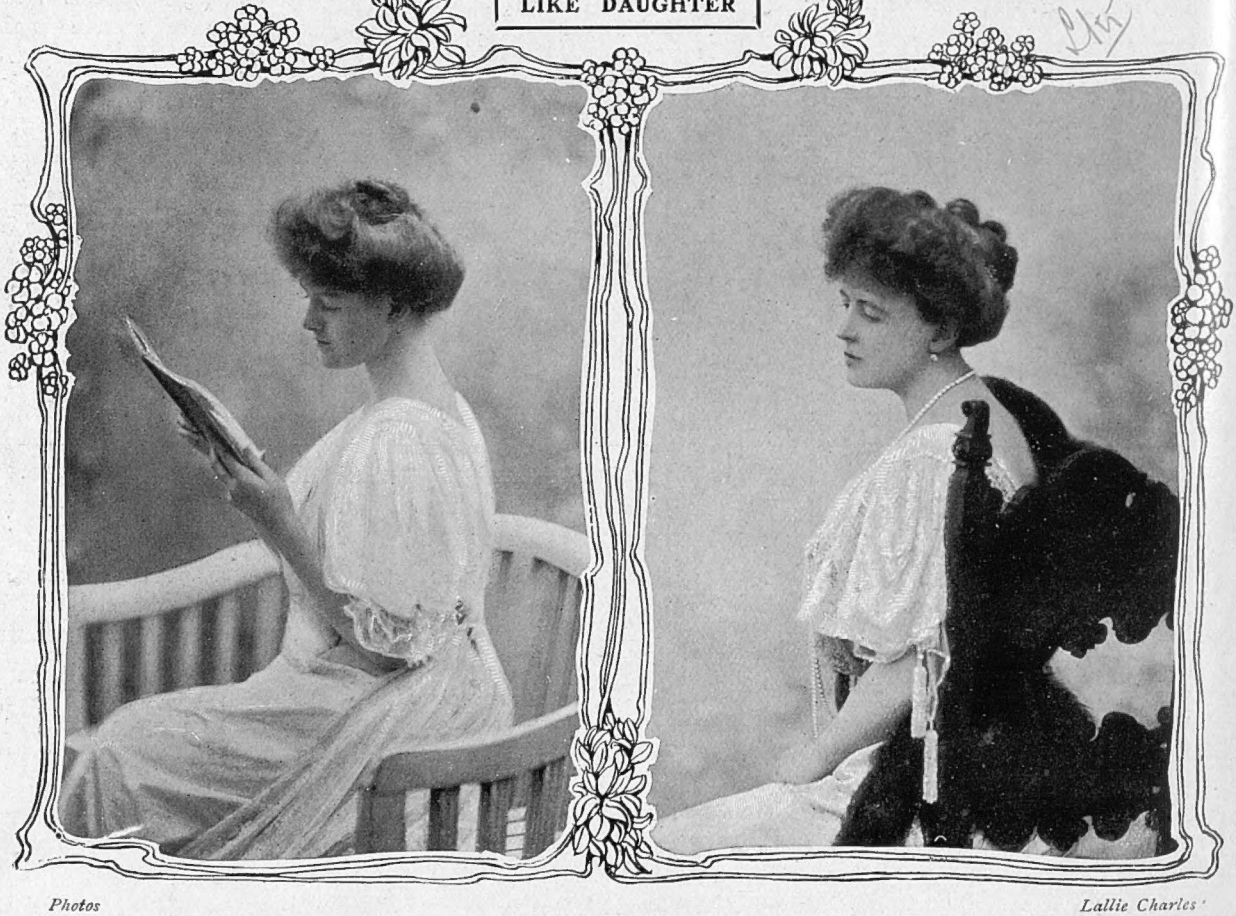
The Beautiful and More Beautiful

What in this direction could be more charming than the delicate photograph of Miss Abercromby, the eldest daughter of Lady Northbrook and the late Sir Robert Abercromby, who has recently become engaged, and the equally excellent likeness of the Countess of Northbrook. Such graceful people appear to lend themselves to the mechanical work of the photographer with especial ease, as does also the young beauty of Miss Dorothy Hardcastle, whose portrait is at once an excellent likeness and a skilful picture. But when the question becomes one rather of character and intellect than charm, the portrait-painter of to-day has undoubted advantages. The art of portrait-painting has made rapid strides in England of late, and I intend shortly to publish a selection of portraits of men and women of moment by some of the most gifted artists of the day. These, I feel sure, will be welcome.

LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER



Photos *Lallie Charles*

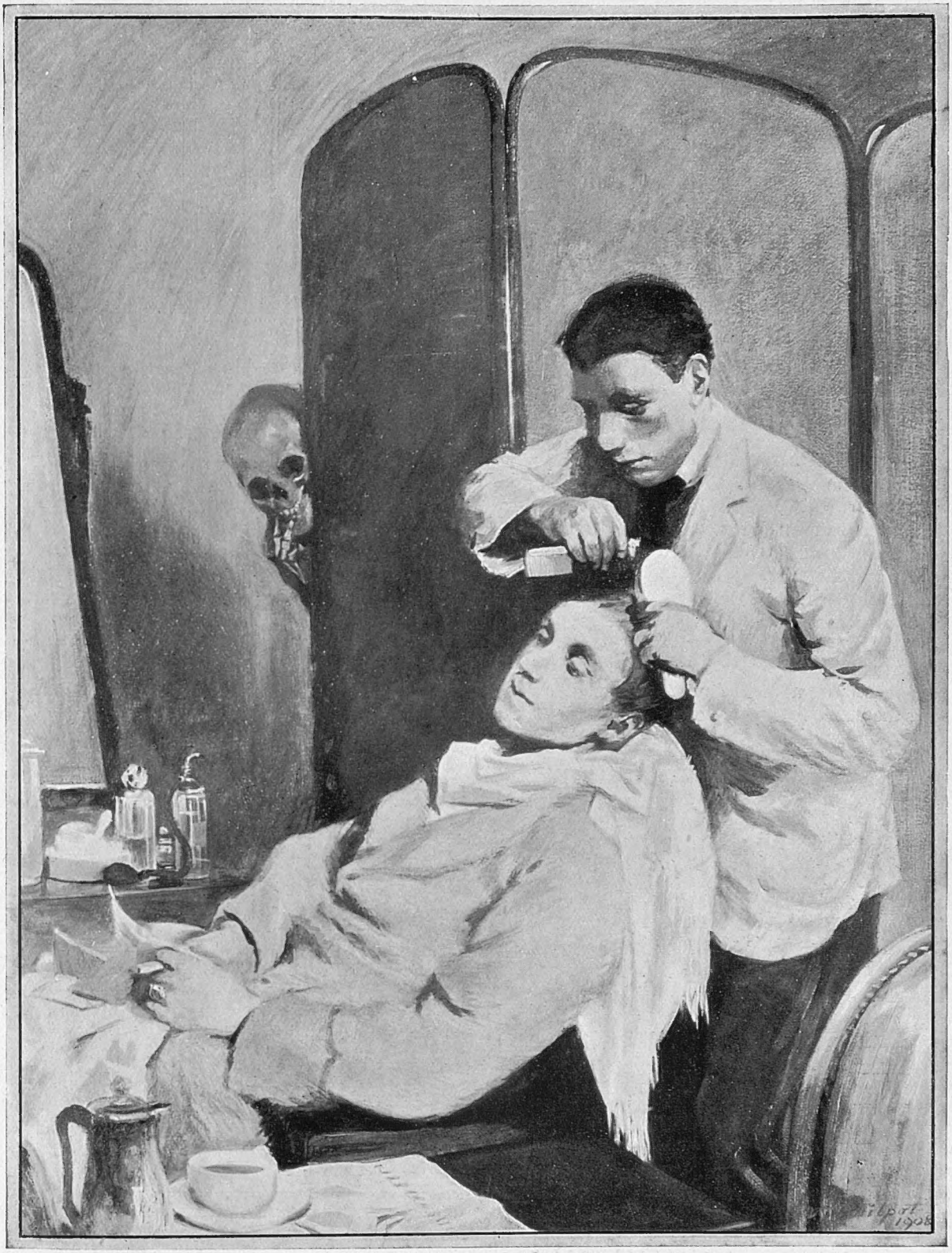
Miss Abercromby, eldest daughter of the Countess of Northbrook and the late Sir Robert Abercromby

The Countess of Northbrook, who gave a ball at 42, Portman Square recently for her daughters, the Misses Abercromby

The marked likeness between the Countess of Northbrook and her eldest daughter is very apparent in these photographs. But, then, as was recently pointed out in these columns, the débutantes of to-day are generally so youthfully charming that it is difficult to distinguish them from their mothers

A Sensational Painting

WHICH IS AROUSING KEEN INTEREST AT THE MOMENT



From the painting by GLYN W. PHILPOT, now on exhibition at the Brook Street Galleries

"DEATH CONTEMPLATING A DANDY"

Have you ever wrapt truth in your cloak?
Have you ever spat scorn at a threat?
Have you ever seen flames in the smoke
From the ash of your white cigarette?
Be still! 'Tis a dream that I dreamt
Of shadows and flickering breath—
Of skeleton fingers that chill—
Of far away, far away Death!

Have you ever felt knives in your sleep?
Have you ever seen devils depart?
Have you ever heard footsteps that creep
From the ice of the flesh to the heart?
Be still! 'Tis a dream that I dreamt
Of popinjays fighting for breath—
Of danger to delicate fools—
Of far away, far away Death!

B. M. H.

Newspaper Preaching

It is quite fashionable, nowadays, to remind the public of their "morbid curiosity." On the morrow of the decision in the Stirling case, the leading articles of the principal papers were full of the most ponderous comments on the iniquities of those who are supposed to constitute "Society." I am inclined to wonder whether the "morbid curiosity" in question, is quite as deep as the learned judges both on the Bench and on the daily Press tell us. The number of people who really followed the full accounts of the case in question would probably be found to be considerably less than is popularly supposed. Expressions of weariness at the unending length and unutterable stupidity of the bulk of the evidence were universal. Numbers of people, actually in Society, expressed surprise at the extraordinary exertions of the Press in publishing these exhaustive accounts. Perhaps, in future, the various newspapers, instead of preaching Pecksniffian sermons on the morrow of the verdicts, will exercise a little more control over the length of their reports, even though, in doing so, their circulation figures may suffer. If the improvement of the moral tone of the public is to be the order of the day, newspapers ought, at all events, to make a little sacrifice to that end.

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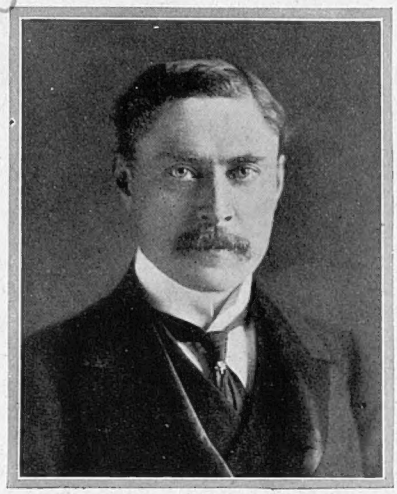
Dispassionate Mr. Balfour

Mr. Balfour has

publicly declared Tariff Reform to be the first plank of the Unionist



The Rt. Hon. H. O. Arnold-Forster

Who died on Friday last. He was Secretary of State for War, 1903-6, and since then a keen critic of military affairs

platform. With that assurance Protectionists are expected to rest content. It sounds well enough, but those out and out reformers who were present at the Constitutional Club are almost unanimous in complaining of the lack of enthusiasm evinced by the ex-Premier. His words were reluctant. His spirit lacked heart. He thoroughly enjoyed himself ridiculing his political opponents, but his approval of the Confederates' ideal was quite dispassionate. He as much as said, "Let's have Protection by all means—confound it!" The Balfourian sycophants shouted delightedly. But the conspirators are still snarling.

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Mr. Balfour in the House

Will Mr. Balfour lead the Unionist Party in the next parliament? I am inclined to fear the contrary. He neither expects nor wishes it. The House of Commons is a vastly different club from what it was in the 'eighties and 'nineties. Philosophy is accorded only a very grudging respect, wit is usually gaped at, and the school of Constitutionalists are only heard through a murmur of impatience and irritation, no less present if at times inaudible. No one who has heard Mr. Balfour's recent speeches in the House could fail to notice the aloofness of his manner. He speaks to the House as if he discounts it. If there were no Press gallery, how often, I wonder, would he trouble to get up on his feet? It is a House of "progressives," forsooth, a House of men who only too obviously regard Mr. Balfour as an out-of-date phrase-spinner, a spent influence. A House of Progress? May be. But whither?

PECKSNIFF ON THE PRESS

Dictating a "Leader"

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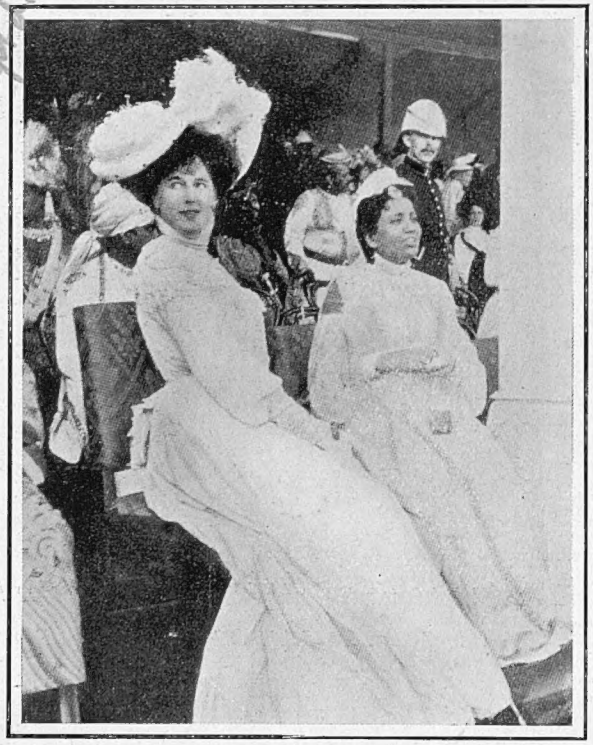


Mrs. Atherton

Who has now been respondent in a divorce case, plaintiff in a breach of promise suit, and lastly an innocent co-respondent. The above charming portrait was taken when she visited Bombay

Circulation Returns

"Phew! An increase of 10,000 daily during the run of the St-rl--ng divorce case"

Philosophic Doubt Walks Out

TO LUNCH WITH THE TARIFF REFORMERS

MR. A. J. BALFOUR LEAVING CARLTON GARDENS FOR THE TARIFF LUNCHEON AT THE CONSTITUTIONAL

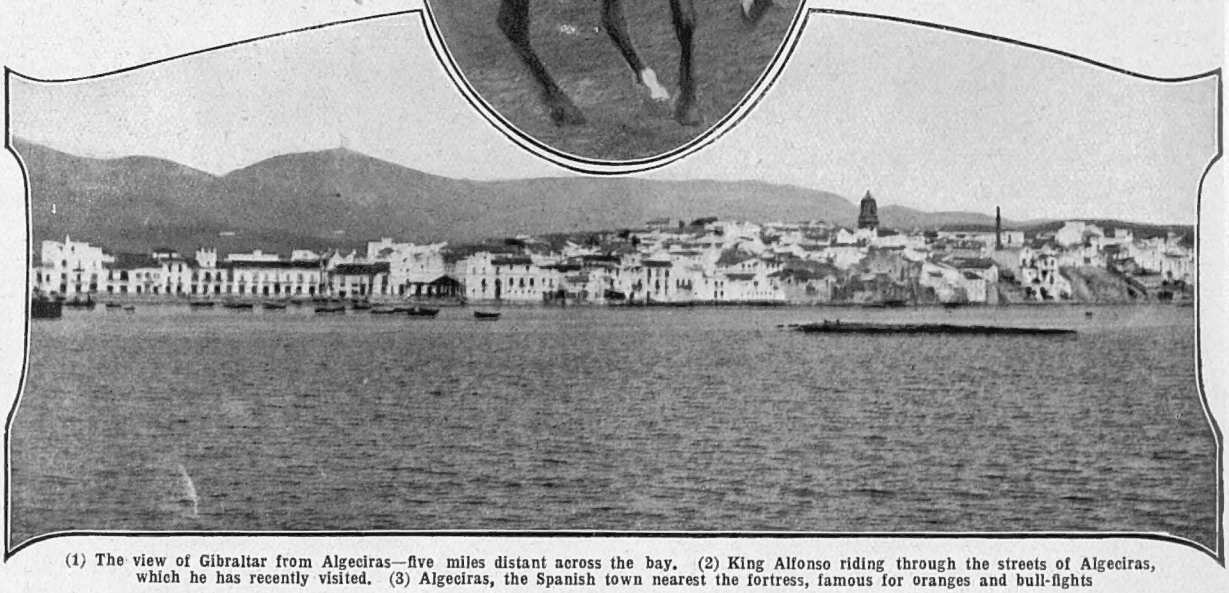
"Personally, I would sooner venture to trust my bodily well-being to the knowledge of one skilled in the pharmacopœia of 1840 than I would trust my financial and general arrangements to a gentleman who had learned nothing since Sir Robert Peel and Mr. Cobden framed the fiscal scheme of this country."—*Extract from his speech*

King Alfonso's Daring

King Alfonso has been staying at Algeciras, five miles west of which lie the Rock of Gibraltar. For the first time since the British occupation a Spanish monarch has dared to look upon it. Prejudice is so strong in Spain against our occupation of the Rock that up till now Spanish Kings have scrupulously avoided the neighbourhood of Gibraltar. King Alfonso is credited with an ardent desire to visit it, but he dare not defy public opinion to such an extent. A five-mile glimpse is the most he could hope for, and he has had it.

THE FIRST MODERN SPANISH SOVEREIGN TO SEE GIBRALTAR

KING ALFONSO DEFIES CUSTOM AND VIEWS THE ROCK FROM ALGECIRAS



(1) The view of Gibraltar from Algeciras—five miles distant across the bay. (2) King Alfonso riding through the streets of Algeciras, which he has recently visited. (3) Algeciras, the Spanish town nearest the fortress, famous for oranges and bull-fights

The above photographs have an historic point, inasmuch as King Alfonso is the first Spanish Sovereign of modern times to view the Rock, the patriotic sense of their subjects having, hitherto, restrained monarchs from viewing it, even from distant Algeciras

Will Gib. Succumb to Airships?

Gibraltar has long been regarded as impregnable. Since its capture in 1704 many desperate attempts have been made to retake it by both France and Spain, but Nature's precipitous ramparts have laughed at the faces of the assailants. But a new era is dawning—the era of the airship! Steep rocks and modern guns will be of no avail against the airship of war. Gibraltar may yet surrender to an army from the clouds! The Rock must be armed with the vertical gun and the first battalion of the Aeronautical Sharp-Shooters.

Having and Holding

There has often been idle talk of restoring the fortress to Spain, and equally silly rumours of compensation offered by the Spanish Government. Mr. Bright actually recommended in Parliament that we should surrender it, but the furious indignation of Edmund Burke wrecked the proposal. We are hardly likely to hear the idea mooted again. That little strip between Gibraltar and Spain that joins the Rock to the mainland will, we may rest assured, be ever neutral, and the dark-haired Spanish sentry on the one side will, surely, never do more than glower at the fair-haired rifleman from Bermondsey on the other.

Lord Dalmeny and His Future Bride

AT HURST PARK STEEPLECHASES

MISS DOROTHY GROSVENOR AND LORD DALMENY

Whose engagement was announced recently, were among the spectators at Hurst Park last week. Miss Grosvenor is the younger of Lord Henry Grosvenor's two daughters, and her future husband is, of course, heir to the Earldom of Rosebery. He is a fine cricketer (a punishing bat and a first-rate field), a crack shot, and incidentally an M.P., a Second-Lieutenant in the Reserve of Officers, and Vice-Chairman of the Bucks Territorial Force Association

Beresford's Last Cruise

Lord Charles Beresford left Portsmouth on the 8th inst. for his final cruise. Nearly all the fourteen battleships in the Channel Fleet, as well as the six vessels in the First Cruiser Squadron, are taking part. The ships return to Portland on the 20th. This cruise will be the last of the Channel Fleet as a separate command, and it will also mark the close of Lord Charles Beresford's tenure of command. The Home Fleet, also, has just made its last cruise under the command of Sir Francis Bridgeman. The latter's flag will be struck on the evening of the 24th. It is now officially announced that his successor is Admiral Sir William May.

Lord Charles Beresford Off For His Last Cruise

Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg, Commander-in-Chief Atlantic Fleet

Leaving his flag-ship, *The Prince of Wales*, at Dover, which is being used as a naval base for the first time

The Navy Estimates

I cannot help noticing the sudden ceasing of the fierce discussion of the shipbuilding vote by the anti-armament papers. This, surely, means that a decision has been arrived at in the Cabinet on the subject. I am unable, at this early stage, to discuss the Navy Estimates. Whether the increase is to be one or six millions I do not know, but I am entirely with the Imperialist group in hoping that it will be six. The economies of the last three years have weakened our Navy. We are still ahead, but not far enough ahead. If parsimony continues, in three or four years we shall not be able to guarantee peace. A war might cost two hundred millions and more for every year of its progress. Every million we spend on our Navy makes war less probable.

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Out Upon the Sea Lords!

Even if the Estimates are satisfactory, even if our shipbuilding programme is sufficiently thorough to give us a lead over any two of our competitors, I shall not rest entirely content. The present Board of Admiralty has certainly its full complement of enemies, if not of ships. One can hardly pick up any respectable morning paper without learning that they have let the Fleet go to the dogs, while as for Club Admirals—well—there are *no* words which describe their feelings. So I suppose it behoves one to simulate the needed fury whenever the Board is mentioned, which I beg, respectfully, to do herewith.

German Naval Activity

It is, of course, well-known now, notwithstanding the veil that is drawn over German shipbuilding operations, that there has been a considerable falling away in German progress in naval matters. But it must be remembered that her makers of war material have developed unexpected resources, and a great deal more rapid progress may be anticipated. It would be an appalling mistake if our naval expenditure were not sufficiently lavish to take the heart out of the most earnest competitor. We must have a navy sufficiently large to prevent the contingency of battles. The occurrence of a naval war would be a disgrace to the country and the Government who, by their lack of liberality in naval expenditure, had made it possible.

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Leopold off to China!

Negotiations with King Leopold's Government in respect to the Belgian annexation of the Congo are still in progress. Meanwhile, his Majesty, whom I depict entering one of his luxurious cars at Monte Carlo, is off to China, and will, I understand, be the first monarch to cross Asia by the Trans-Siberian Railway. King Leopold is ever in search of a new sensation, and the journey is one which, at his age, he would surely not think of undertaking were it not for the prospect of rejuvenating experiences.

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King Leopold at Monte Carlo

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The Annexation of the Congo

It is satisfactory to know that Sir Edward Grey has taken up a firm position in regard to the annexation of the Congo. There should be no British recognition of the Belgian annexation without the restoration to the natives of their communal rights in land, with power to trade freely in the products of those lands. Sir Edward Grey has, it is true, agreed to recognise the Belgian annexation until the reply to our demands is received, but not the old, wicked system of government built up under the late Congo State.

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Britain's Wrongs

We are the aggrieved country in this dispute, because for years we have been deprived of treaty rights. Britain has no desire to govern the Congo, or even to interfere in its government, but our treaty rights, on the faith of which we recognised the existence of the Congo State years ago, must be recognised.

AN APPEAL TO THE BAND

(*Mr. Le Queux is anxious that we should know that the whole country teems with German spies.*)

Tuneless Teutons, for nigh an hour
You've been blowing out dismal dirges,
Knowing the Briton has not the pow'r
Ever to 'scape such public scourges.
In one key is your clarionet,
In another is your euphonium—
Wonder not if in a rage I get,
Or if I curse this pandemonium.

How that no nobler task employs
Men *pro tem.* their country forsaking?
Noise that cloys and that no one enjoys
Surely is scarcely worth while making.
Never a blower of all the lot
Ever was, or will be, a musician;
So I ask of you all, do you not
Know you're missing a mightier mission?

Know you not there is work to be done?
Would you limply leave it to others?
Can't you manage to join in the fun
Now left all to your patriot brothers?
Can't you draw little pictures and maps
Showing our ports and fortifications,
Plans of our churches and streets, perhaps,
Full of ideas and explanations?

Clarionet, do begin to spy!
Cornet, you ought to shine at prying!
Catalogue us with a knowing eye—
We should find you so much less trying.
By your love of your Fatherland,
All you owe, all you ever did owe,
I beseech you, itinerant band,
Cease to murder the "Merry Widow!"

MOSTYN T. PIGOTT.

A Most Serious Treatise

THE THREATENED SPREAD OF SOCIABILITY IN CLUBS

On a Matter of Urgent Importance

Cheerful Clubs Actually Formed

HARDLY a week elapses but one does not learn, privately or from the papers, of the formation of some new "club," rejoicing in some more or less ridiculous name, and professing some more or less preposterous object. Such are, nowadays, very numerous and very varied. There are clubs of downright vulgarity, such as the "Genial Jossers," the "Whisker Wearers," the "Imbibers," etc.; of spurious seriousness and refinement, such as the "Muses," the "Pessimists," the "Cognoscenti"; and of mere morbid eccentricity, such as the "Death Seekers," and so on.

One who has been lured into associating himself with these affairs, and who has dined with most of them, reports to me that the membership is more or less made up of identically the same people, that you will encounter men who are, at once, Genial Jossers, Muses, *Cognoscenti*, Pessimists, Death-Seekers, etc., which is, of course, imbecile, for no man can be genuinely all of these things.

The truth is that these clubs are the creation of a small *coterie* who are obsessed by one supremely ridiculous notion: that the function of a Club is conviviality and community. Now no student of the club system in Great Britain, whatever may be the case in America and other countries, can accept this for one moment.

The True Object of the Club

The club, let it be said once and for all, is *not* a place where men go for the purpose of sociability; nor is it a place in which one seeks to extend the number of one's acquaintances. On the contrary, the club is, *par excellence*, a place of escape from these, and is, as a matter of fact, often the only possible one.

There are few more priceless possessions than the antipathies of one's youth; one forms them at school, at college, in professional life. But there is always the danger of some untoward incident which shall rend them from us. The club is practically the only effective safeguard for them. To preserve one's non-acquaintance with Jones-Smith and Brown-Robinson, the only way is to get elected for the club to which each belongs. By doing so it is possible to maintain one's indifference to them throughout life; to hand it down to the next two generations in the male line; and, if desired, to entail it for all time.

A Plea for the Status Quo

For this merciful dispensation, one has to thank the invaluable code of unwritten laws accepted by clubland generally, with their golden rule, "Know not others as you would they should know not you." It is tacitly understood that, *quâ* clubman, you know nobody in the club. True, it is not possible always to belong to a club in which you know nobody. There is always the risk that a relative, a partner, or your colleague in the representation of your constituency, may also be a member, a person to whom you are bound, by the ineradicable past, to recognise by nod or grunt. However, by joining a club you are, at least, fairly assured against in any way *adding* to your acquaintanceships.

The present position of affairs is, therefore, as effective as the most exclusive clubman can desire. Those eager spirits who would seek to make the bonds of freedom from friendships "wider yet" by introducing new rules should be restrained by the soberer people who may, in private life, be compelled to know them.

There is the proposal, for instance, that the use of the different club-rooms should, by common consent, be recognised as the prerogative of members of different ages—the library to be reserved, as a general rule, for members of over sixty; the reading-room for the middle-aged; the smoking-room for those between thirty and forty; and the wash-room for juniors. The well-meaning assumption underlying this scheme is that members prefer to sit in the same rooms as the people they do not know of about their own age—to cultivate, preferably, the non-acquaintance only of their contemporaries. A man of seventy, they hold, has little wish to enjoy, at the same table, or in the adjoining arm-chair, the non-acquaintance of a mere youth of thirty, and *vice versâ*. Now this imputes to clubmen a system of preferential dislikes wholly alien to the spirit of bad-fellowship which still, happily, animates one and all. I am quite convinced that most men would be wholly opposed to a system which inflicted on them the onerous necessity of not knowing only the men of their own age. The hearty "you-be-damned" of the true clubman has no such narrow limitations; it is intended for all and sundry, and the clubman of eighty can snort as enjoyably in the face of the lad of twenty as upon a man of his own generation.

The Danger of Extreme Measures

Another of these busybody proposals is one which would give to Committees greater powers of exclusion on the grounds of profession. Acting on the example of the Garrick Club, which is alleged to be opposed to any increase in the number of actors, some club reformers advocate a black-list embracing most of the other professions. Their standpoint is that certain callings induce in their followers habits of sociability which are a menace to the peace of the club. City men bring westward from their offices a robust cheeriness and good-humour in dangerous contrast to the attitude of retired officers and others, who come merely from their homes. A General never knows that, at any moment, some stock-jobber, exuberant at one of those colossal strokes of success now so painfully frequent in the City, may not ask him to pass something, and thus open up the possibility of conversation. The law induces in its devotees a professional interest in others which may, at any time, inspire a question and require an answer; doctors are of incurable *camaraderie*, and, again, have the professional inclination to increase acquaintanceships. Politics only too often tend towards the controversial habit, particularly at election times, and the silence of the smoking-room is in constant danger of being broken by comments upon such topics.

The Importance of Being an Outsider

These proposals, if carried to their logical conclusion, would reduce club membership to the unoccupied, and are, therefore, pernicious. The unoccupied, comprising so largely retired members of the Services, are, in all probability, people who already know each other. To restrict membership to these would be to make a club the very thing it ought not to be—*i.e.*, a "community." It is only by the liberal admixture of people of various occupations that non-acquaintance can be preserved. One might, to adopt a fiscal simile, call the professional clubman the imported "raw material" of unsociability—the unoccupied man standing as home producer. Only by free trade in the former can the latter realise the fullest benefit. What three thousand bales of wool are to the cloth manufacturer three thousand professional men are to the unoccupied clubman—the raw material for his snorts and stares, without which he would be nowhere.

No. The club is very well as it is. Innovations are not wanted which will, in any way, tighten or make it more exclusive. Any such steps will only give rein to those amazing people who would go to the other extreme and make clubs convivial. VIVIAN CARTER.

WORK FOR THE GENTEEL UNEMPLOYED: A NEW SERIES BY GEORGE MORROW

NO. I.—ADVERTISING SOUTH COAST RESORTS IN LONDON DURING THE EARLY "SPRING"

Random Jottings

Mr. Healy has been making interesting disclosures about the secret signs of Irish patriot bodies. A friend of mine once told me that, when in a crowd in a disturbed district, he casually put his thumb in his waistcoat armhole, and was at once given a blow on the head with a shillalah. He had, without knowing it, given the sign of defiance of the Disunited Roscommon Exterminators, or some such devoted body!

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Statistics state that the mean population of the Peabody building estates shows a density of 571 people to the acre. The term seems rather abusive. It may be mean to live in this style, but many of the residents are probably pressed for money.

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At Dordogne a reprieved French criminal is angrily asking to be executed. The officials, however, are obdurate. His course is obvious—he should break out of prison and murder somebody else. The whole case resembles that of the criminals in ancient Ireland, who, when offered the choice of death or banishment to England, often chose the former.

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Professor Oppert has provided an annuity for his cat. We presume that he satisfied himself that the animal had exhausted its first eight lives.

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Under the new Children's Act suffocation of children in bed by a drunken parent will constitute neglect, and can be punished. And quite right, too! This sort of thing goes beyond a joke. Plunging the baby into boiling oil will be held to be loss of temper, while having it worried by bulldogs will be considered harshness, and, if continued, render the parent liable to a fine of forty shillings.

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"Young man wishes to be adopted by titled person, who would transmit the title to him" (Kiel newspaper). Hence the term, "Grand old English aristocracy." There was, not long ago, a German play, in which an English peer, in dying, thoughtlessly left an earldom to a total stranger, but it never really held the audience.

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"Undesirable Immigrants—The Influenza," is a heading in a medical paper. A case of the Open Window rather than the Open Door.

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Beautiful situation was thought essential for a stage by the ancient Romans, who placed one with Mount Etna as a background, a lecturer tells us. And how convenient if a real eruption were to be staged! Were emergency exits provided?

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We learn from a well informed contemporary that the rise in the price of bread presses most severely on the poor. How these experts ferret out the truth! Note, also, that the proposed increase in the tax on incomes above £10,000 would be principally felt by the rich.

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If President Castro goes back to Venezuela he is to be tried for high treason; if he doesn't, his property will be confiscated. It reminds us of the knotty-points competitions in the Society papers—"What should A do?"

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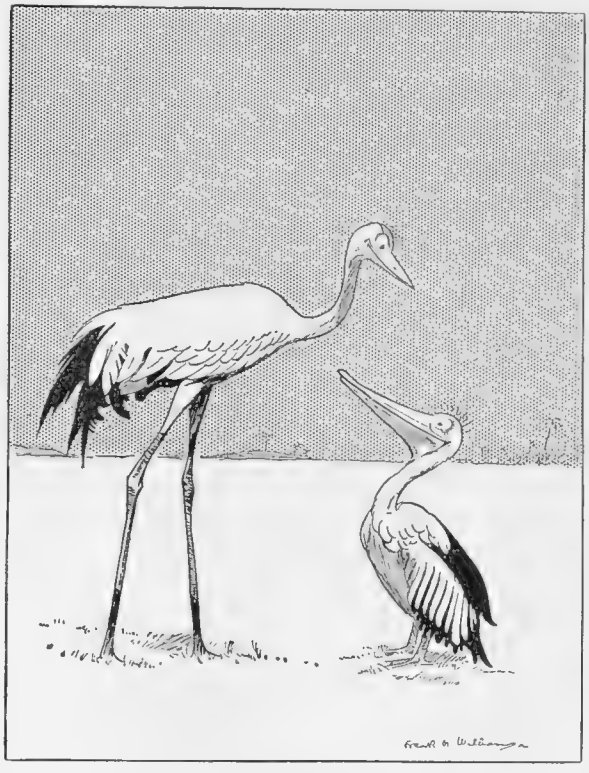
"How to Get There" is a new parlour game invented by the Underground Electric Railways, the players finding out the routes to various places in London. We append a few answers to problems: Way to Charing Cross Hospital, take the lead in a Suffragette demonstration; Park Lane to Carey Street, pay your rates and taxes on demand; Poplar to Wormwood Scrubbs, become a Poor Law Guardian; Hanwell Asylum, read up the arguments on the Education Question; Westminster (the Cabinet), be a failure at everything else; Crystal Palace Football Ground to Territorial Headquarters, visit Wyndham's Theatre.



A MOOT POINT

FATHER PELICAN: "Can you tell me how far it is to the nearest fish pond?"
MRS. CRANE: "Just a step further on"
FATHER PELICAN: "Yes, but what sort of step—yours or mine?"

Not As Might Be Inferred

General Officer (*catechising old warrior*): "How much service have you got, my good man?"
Old Warrior (*with black eye*): "Fifteen years, sir"
General Officer: "Are you married?"
Old Warrior: "Yes, sir; but I got this 'ere playing 'ockey"

BY SNAFFLES

HOLLAND'S HOPE OF AN HEIR

JOYFUL PREPARATIONS AT THE HAGUE, WHERE THE SEASON IS NOW AT ITS ZENITH

(From a Special Correspondent at the Hague)

The Hague Season

The Hague has a very short season when tourists come to see the picture galleries, the quaint old Dutch towns, the Zuyder Zee and the picturesque fisherfolk, and then the place subsides into its usual somnolence. When I was last here the Peace Conference was sitting, and the Hague was doing a thriving business. But the Dutch never admit that they are satisfied with anything. They were not even pleased with the Peace Conference. It is therefore a pleasant surprise to hear everybody talking with such satisfaction of the "coming event," which is to solve the problem of the Dutch succession.

The Hague Historic: An Interesting Spot

The picturesque Gevangenpoort, or prison gate, where Cornelius de Witte was imprisoned in 1672 on a charge of conspiring to murder the Prince of Orange. The populace dragged de Witte from the tower, and tore him limb from limb in the street

Queen Wilhelmina

There never was a more popular Sovereign than the little Queen at the present moment, but in this she has only recovered the kind feelings all her subjects had for her when she came to the Throne. Everything is in her favour. Her youth, a certain feeling of almost pity for this young creature, deprived so early of the irresponsibility of childhood, and weighted so young with charges and solemnity of State so out of keeping with the lightheartedness of her age. But, above all, her subjects look to her to save them from the Prussian heir-apparent the whole nation dreads. They welcomed their little Queen to the Throne, and rejoiced as Dutchmen seldom do, but years passed, and she did not fulfil the main hope. Then her people grew more or less indifferent, and her marriage, which was never popular, became decidedly unpopular.

A Change in Sentiment

When it was announced a few months ago that the happy event was expected, Queen Wilhelmina's subjects had been so often disappointed that they gave the announcement merely a grudging acknowledgment, but as time wore on the interest grew warmer and warmer, till it has now reached a state of intensity which would seem almost ludicrous if so much did not depend on a happy *dénouement*. People here open the newspapers with anxiety, not to see whether Russia and Austria-Hungary have come to blows, or Turkey or Bulgaria have settled their difficulties, but to get the latest news of their little Queen's health. And so, although the Hague is in its winter sleep, the inhabitants are very much alive, and preparations are going forward with the greatest activity to welcome the little newcomer. Just as if they felt guilty of neglecting, and even feeling not too kindly towards their poor little Queen, who was not responsible for their unrealised hopes, they are now extravagantly desirous to show their gratitude.

Preparing to "Maffick"

On her side the Queen is, for the first time in her life, treating her health as a national concern. It is quite touching to see the care with which she religiously follows the medical orders. Except for a short walk to her mother's palace, all exercise is forbidden. She accepts the tyranny of her *régime* with heroic determination, and it was equally touching to see the crowds who gather to see her pass, accompanied by a single Maid-of-Honour. Queen Wilhelmina looks in excellent health and spirits, and it seemed to me there was a little touch of humour in the glances she exchanged with her beaming subjects. In the shops there is a

Where the Dutch States-General Deliberate

THE BINNENHOF AT THE HAGUE

The residence of the Stadtholders in the olden times, built in the thirteenth century with the Buitenhof, the scene of many famous events in the history of Holland, "full of the memories of William the Silent, of the Brothers de Witte, of Barneveldt, of Maurice of Nassau, of Hoinsius, of the States-General which for fifty years held out against Spain and England, and dictated conditions to Louis XIV."

larger than usual display of Royal photographs, Royal arms, of jugs and toys, and flags to decorate the city on the auspicious birthday. The committees which have been formed in all the provinces to celebrate the event with adequate rejoicings are racking their brains to find pleasing and acceptable presents to show their delight. All these presents have been approved by the Queen herself. One of them is a cradle in ivory, with pink satin and Chantilly lace curtains, another is a perambulator, also trimmed with pink satin and Chantilly lace, a screen, with paintings of the greatest Dutch masters, a tea service *en vieux Saxe*, babies' playthings in silver, a knife and fork, etc., etc. They would fill a museum, to judge from the length of the list.

Exclusive Dutch Society

Meanwhile, the festivities are, for the first time, almost brilliant in this old-world capital. The Dowager-Queen is receiving in the place of her daughter, who attends no public functions, and many of the foreign diplomatists have not yet had a chance of being presented to her. Society at the Hague is extremely exclusive and caste-ridden, but within the narrow circles into which it is divided there is a delightful intimacy, and the intensity of the intercourse makes up for its want of breadth. Old families with quaint names like the Baeleert van Blokland, Den Beer Poortugael, Van Tets van Goudriaan Doude van Troostwijk, all of burgher origin, and yet of such ancient and distinguished respectability, have practically no equivalent elsewhere. The prevalent title of Jonkheer is also deliciously quaint. In spite of their coldness towards others of a lower caste, among themselves their manners have an exquisiteness which is quite fascinating to those accustomed to the rough-and-tumble manners of larger capitals.

An Economical Monarch

It is not generally known that Queen Wilhelmina is one of the richest Sovereigns in the world, and that she is developing into a first-rate business woman. She superintends her own investments, she keeps a strict account personally of her charities, and checks her expenditure generally with all the care of a good housekeeper. She applies the same good business habits in public affairs, and even, at present, receives her Ministers and discusses with them all the pending matters of State. As a small child, Queen Wilhelmina was stubborn and autocratic, but disappointment has softened her character. One of her chief shortcomings is her neglect of her personal appearance, and in this respect there is no change. She still walks about dressed like a German governess, although the beautiful hair she lost after the typhoid fever has grown again, and her complexion, stimulated by a daily bath in the juice of five dozen lemons, is as fair and beautiful as ever.

Mrs. Oscar Lewisohn (formerly Miss Edna May)
Learning the back-hand lawn tennis grip from Tom Fleming, the well-known professional at the Beau Site Courts, Cannes
(Snapshotted by The Bystander *Photographer)*

Personalities at Cannes

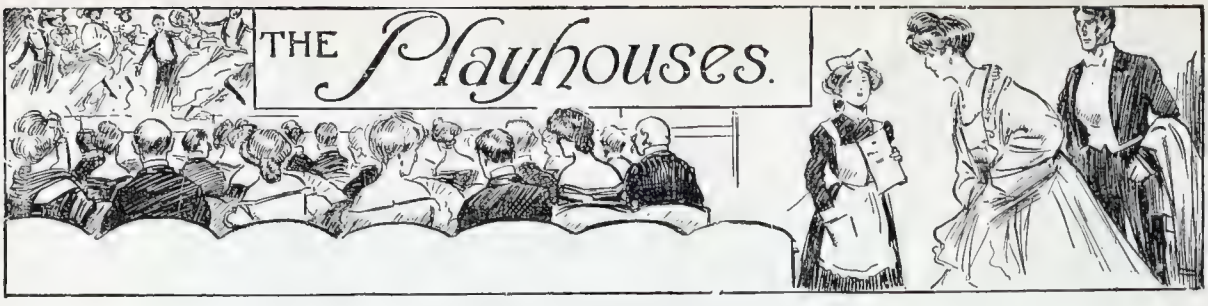
Last week we referred to the gay doings on the Riviera of the Lewisohn party, including the erstwhile Edna May and her charming sister Jane. We are now pleased to publish a photograph of Mrs. Lewisohn, learning the back-hand lawn tennis grip from Tom Fleming, and looking lovelier than ever, which may, or may not, be due to the fact that she is being photographed by the Special Correspondent of The Bystander. Mrs. Lewisohn is now as keen on lawn tennis as she has for some time been on golf.

Cannes has recently had the pleasure of seeing Prince Louis d'Orleans try his hand at polo. He acquitted himself most creditably by scoring one of the two goals earned by his side. Prince Radziwill played in the opposing team. Sir Clifford Cory and Count Wenckheim also took part in the game.

Shortly Coming to London

MISS MAXINE ELLIOTT, WHO IS TO APPEAR WITH MR. LEWIS WALLER IN "1801" AT THE LYRIC

Miss Maxine Elliott was last seen this side of the Atlantic in "Under the Greenwood Tree" at the Lyric Theatre in 1907. On the conclusion of the play's run, she returned to New York, where she is proprietor and manager, in partnership with the Messrs. Shubert, of the Maxine Elliott's Theatre. She is, of course, a sister of Miss Gertrude Elliott



BY ERIC CLEMENT SCOTT

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE

"The Head of the Firm"

A "season" implies plays, players, and other things. Mr. Leslie Faber has evidently said to himself: "I may have grave difficulties in finding the plays, but I will make certain, absolutely certain, of my players." Cast your eyes over this little list, and judge how judiciously Mr. Faber has chosen his "support."

Messrs. James Hearn, Harcourt Williams, J. D. Beveridge, Evelyn Beerbohm; Misses Henrietta Watson, Ethelwyn Jones, Sydney Fairbrother.

So excellent is this cast that by sheer acting they succeed in casting some sort of a glamour over a very dull play.

The Danish author, Hjalmar Bergström, is evidently very earnest, and he has approached his task with purpose, which is to show that hard-headed business principles prevail in the end against vapouring Socialism.

But in establishing his point he is diffuse. He reaches his climax by roundabout ways. And the clash of temperaments of his characters does not produce dramatic sparks.

Mr. James Hearn (*John Lydford*)

Mr. Leslie Faber (*George Heymann*)

Miss Henrietta Watson (*Mrs. Lydford*) Mr. Harcourt Williams (*Philip Lydford*)

A Dramatic Moment in "The Head of the Firm" at the Vaudeville

Heymann, with the courtly phrase, "I have the honour," surrenders his portfolio rather in the manner of a French Minister. But, before very soon, the vapouring Socialism of the Lydford family fails to remedy the evils which have arisen in the ironworks, and Heymann, the manager, is recalled by the family to save the situation

To call a play a "dramatic tract" is to pay it a compliment. For a tract implies a strong line taken upon a vital moral problem, and has to do with sinners, who are always interesting people. Moreover, if the treatment be dramatic, then the use of the stage for the exploiting of this question is justified.

An Undramatic Tract

The Head of the Firm is an undramatic tract. The arguments upon the question of Capital and Labour may be sound enough, but they do not thrill the audience.

The motif of the play is a tussle between Mrs. Lydford and her son Philip on the one side and George Heymann on the other for the possession and disposition of the Lydford ironworks. Mother and son are ruled by sentiment; the manager by business principles. The actual owner, John Lydford, wears a worried look because he is forced to listen to the gush of his wife and son.

Mrs. Lydford allows pity for the lot of Mrs. Dalby, whose husband has been killed in the works, to upset her judgment. Her son comes back from a visit to a manufacturing district in Eastern Prussia, and raves in broken tones about the black night of the place, the belching chimneys, the grimy workmen at their fierce toil, the hovels in which they live as contrasted by the palaces of their employers, the cordon of soldiers round the works, the dreaming clerics preaching the doctrine of good-will to all men in the neighbouring churches.

Sore-Throat Socialism

Master Philip is the kind of Socialist who acquires a sore throat in Trafalgar Square or on Tower Hill. These spouters feel keenly the sufferings of the people, and for this sympathy we commend them. But when they turn from painting word-pictures of suffering to suggesting a remedy for the evil our sympathy turns to contemptuous pity.

Master Philip, in a frenzy of mental emotion, dashes out of the house and attempts to quell the strike by

The High-Priestess of Yankee Humour

WHOSE SEASON HERE HAS COME TO SO PREMATURE AN END

Miss Marie Dressler is a mountain of mirth. Mr. Le Gallienne once wrote of an "armful of girl," Miss Dressler is a houseful. She is exuberance personified. Her laugh is physically explosive, her smile is the zenith of hilarity. She had renamed the Aldwych Theatre "Marie Dressler's Aldwych Theatre"—only, alas, to be compelled to close her season thereat after less than a fortnight's run

offering to give the ironworks over to the men! Needless to say, they howl him down with derisive laughter.

In the end, the cool, businesslike Heymann proves the saviour of the situation. He is cool, collected, and patient. He suffers himself to be dismissed, and, presumably, waits until the Lydford family have ceased spluttering and vapouring. For when they send for him in despair he returns, and, without the slightest semblance of fuss, saves the situation.

Business Principles and Love Triumphant

It does not always happen (as it does in the play) that the Heymanns of the world are as successful in love as in business. But we may fairly presume that Betty Lydford is so "fed up" (really, there is no other expression) with the frothings of her family that she turns in sheer relief to a man of a different stamp. Relief to the tedium of the play is afforded by Mr. Evelyn Beerbohm, who scores for the second time with his eccentric comedy. The rôle is a bewildering one. It is difficult to say whether Edward Dalby is fool, madman, humorist, or schemer. But there is no doubt that Mr. Beerbohm makes us laugh heartily.

The author took a call. If he has any sense of gratitude he ought to go round and shake hands with all the members of Mr. Leslie Faber's cast. They did heroic things for his play.

LYRIC THEATRE

"The Three Musketeers"

Re-enter that fine, swaggering fellow, D'Artagnan, to the delight of the playgoing populace. It is a fine rôle, but the actor, before he does anything else, must make the character plausible. This is precisely where Mr. Waller scores. He sweeps everything before him. While he is on the stage one is not able to indulge the fatal habit of thinking. Once the action were let down the play would fall to pieces. To cast a glamour over his audience—that is the task Mr. Waller fulfils so ably. So we are content to accept the three plots of which Mr. Henry Hamilton's version consists, and not to marvel too greatly how in all of them D'Artagnan so easily outwits the supposedly wily Cardinal Richelieu.

The best plot concerns the jewels unwisely given by Anne of Austria to the Duke of Buckingham. For to retrieve them the gallant soldier is sent to England, and has to describe his adventures on his return.

What a speech! Scene after scene of his journey the actor calls up before our eyes — the long rides through the night, the constant fights, the trickery which he employs to board the packet. Ah! my Lord of Buckingham is reached. Quickly the jewels are taken to the artificer for the missing stones to be replaced. Then back to France with his precious burden, which shall save the honour of the Queen. No time for sleep. On he presses, riding round some of the traps laid for him, riding right through others, leaving his comrades to do battle with the Cardinal's intercepting troops—until his haven is reached, and he staggers, a ragged, mud-splashed figure, into the Queen's apartments at the last minute of the eleventh hour.

Mr. Waller's Triumph

Here is a genuine triumph for the actor. The house rings with applause. And well it may. For it is not every actor who can, like Mr. Waller, breathe life into a cloak-and-dagger drama.

In a long cast, only a few characters matter. After D'Artagnan, the most important is Miladi. Unfortunately, Miss Auriol Lee, in the attempt, apparently, to be very subtle and put light and shade into the character, was wholly ineffective. Miladi requires to be played precisely as the villainess is played in melodrama, viz., for all the part is worth.

Miss Lee would be well-advised to drop her changes of voice, and too, too subtle manner, and return to the original reading which has been followed by so many of her predecessors, noteworthy among whom are Miss Julia Neilson in England and Miss Virginia Harned in America.

Miss Evelyn D'Alroy heightens the favourable impression she made a few weeks back in *The Chief of Staff*. Not only has she beauty of presence and of voice, but she brings a very keen intelligence into her work. Cast for the rôle of a Queen, her first care is to appear queenly. And she succeeds. Her regal manner is just what is required in the rôle.

E. C. S.

Another Classical Dancer

Miss Hilda Bewicke, who gave a very successful matinée *dansante*, at which she appeared in some graceful dances, at the Royal Albert Hall Theatre last Tuesday week

The Coliseum

Last week Mr. Seymour Hicks and Miss Zena Dare were at the Coliseum in a musical duologue entitled *Papa's Wife*. This was Miss Dare's first appearance upon the music-hall stage. Miss Elise Craven, the dainty child-actress and dancer, of *Pinkie and the Fairies'* fame, is still here, drawing her record salary of £100 per week. Miss Evie Greene is also in the bill.

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Salmon Fishing in Ireland
Casting in a likely spot. ("The little dog laughed to see such sport")

OUR French and German friends, it is interesting to note, are every year taking more interest in salmon angling—and in angling generally. Recently there has been established in Paris a new club, called the "Fishing Club de France," which already has some hundreds of members, including many men of high social standing, the President is that well-known sportsman, Prince Pierre d'Arenberg. One of the objects of the club is to protect and improve the salmon rivers of France, and provide salmon angling for its members. In April, under the auspices of the club, an international fly and bait-casting tournament is to be held near Paris. This will be the first event of the kind ever held on the Continent. In the United States, where these casting contests were first held, they have become so popular that almost every big town has its casting club. In this country the American style is being taken up, and already anglers, casting a phantom with a six-foot single hand rod and fine line, have killed salmon on several of our rivers. The split cane rod is often considered to be an American invention, but this is a mistake. It was first made in London of three triangular pieces glued together. The Americans improved on this by making the rods out of six sections of cane glued together.

On the "Bonnie Doon"

Our double-centre picture shows an angler having a cast for a salmon in a spare hour before packing up to leave reluctantly for the South; so he has not bothered to put on his waders, as he would do if he were out for the day—as by wading you can cover so much more water, fish it so much better, and kill your fish more quickly and surely. The angler on the bank of "Bonnie Doon" is using the left arm overhead cast, and after every cast he walks down stream a step or two, and in this way gradually shows the fly over every part of the pool. As a rule there is one magic spot where a fish takes, if he takes at all, and from the look on the angler's face it appears as though he had just reached it, and was wondering if it would draw blank, or if he should next moment be fast in a "fish" fresh run from the sea, and have twenty minutes of glorious sport before the gillie can reach it with the gaff.

Netting Salmon in British Columbia

One of our forthcoming pictures shows a method of commercial fishing on one of the great salmon rivers of British Columbia, where the fish are so numerous that it is merely a question of catching them in traps or scooping them out with nets. These Pacific Coast salmon are practically of little use to the angler who sticks to fly-fishing; it is untrue to say they have never been taken with a fly, but probably 999 out of a thousand are caught on spoons and other spinning baits in the estuaries and in the ocean off the mouths of the salmon rivers. A peculiarity of the chief salmon of the North Pacific Coast of North America is that they only spawn once, and, in fact, nearly all die after spawning. They force their way for many hundreds of miles inland up the great rivers to the spawning beds, and it is when they are on their way up that they are caught in hundreds of thousands and canned for the world's consumption. Of course, in the Eastern provinces of Canada there is first-rate fly-fishing for salmon, and the fish is the same as our European salmon (*Salmo salar*). The maritime fisheries of Canada employ between twenty and thirty thousand fishermen—a splendid stock to draw crews from when Canada does her share in Empire defence.

R. B. MARSTON.

The Salmon

A MARCH MORNING ON TH

A birr! a whirr! a salmon's on,
A goodly fish, a thumper!
Bring up, bring up the ready gaff,
And when we land him we shall quaff
Another glorious bumper!

Hark! 'tis the music of the reel,
The strong, the quick, the steady:
The line darts from the circling wheel,
Have all things right and ready.
. . . .

A birr! a whirr! the salmon's out
Far on the rushing river,
He storms the stream with edge of
And like a brandish'd sword of ligh
Rolls flashing o'er the surges white,
A desperate endeavour!

Fishing Season

E BANKS OF "BONNIE DOON"

Hark to the music of the reel!
The fitful and the grating;
It pants along the breathless wheel,
Now hurried, now abating.

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A birr! a whirr! the salmon's in,
Upon the bank extended;
The princely fish lies gasping slow,
His brilliant colours come and go,
Silver alternating with snow,
All beautifully blended.

Hark to the music of the reel!
It murmurs and it closes;
Silence falls on the conquering wheel,
The wearied line reposes.

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Netting Salmon on the Fraser River

A SIWASH INDIAN PUSHING DOWN THE NET

Salmon of excellent quality abound in the Fraser and Columbia rivers, British Columbia, and a large number of canneries are established at New Westminster, Vancouver, and farther north. The tins in which the salmon are packed are manufactured on the spot, and the industry naturally gives employment to a large number of hands. Halibut, sturgeon (up to 1,000 lb. weight), and herring are also plentiful in these waters

The "Bystander" Short Stories

DELILAH AND THE MAGNATE

BY DOUGLAS BLACKBURN

(Author of "Prinsloo of Prinsloosdorp")

FREIDERICH FLOTMAN, sitting lonely and unnoticed among the crowd in Lady Babbington's drawing-room, looked, and was, irritable and disappointed, for, as he would have expressed it, he felt "quite out of it." Like many a Colonial Somebody who visits England for the first time, he had been as shocked as surprised to find that men like himself are Nobodies there.

Being small-minded and given to looking for ignoble motives, he attributed it to jealousy, or snobbery, or prejudice against Colonials with un-English names.

He was, therefore, a little puzzled and flattered at the obvious interest manifested in him by the handsome, stately woman who had sung twice to Lady Babbington's guests.

He was certain that she was singing at him. True, there was nothing in the words of her songs, so far as he could recognise them, that fitted any event or emotion of his variegated life, but that the eloquent brown eyes of the singer were mostly fixed upon him he began to feel uncomfortably certain.

He was not surprised when, a little later, Lady Babbington glided up to him convoying the singer.

"Miss Turland is anxious to know you; she is very interested in South Africa," her Ladyship gushed. "Doesn't she sing divinely? You must hear her next Monday. You will, won't you?" and with a patronising pat on the shapely arm of her *protégée*, she sailed off, leaving the singer to justify the introduction.

Flotman began with a fulsome compliment upon her singing, which Miss Turland gracefully waved aside and came to the point.

She hoped he would excuse her boring him, but she did so wonder whether he could tell her anything about a great friend of hers who had been missing somewhere in South Africa for several years. She was sure Mr. Flotman must know him.

Flotman was relieved. He had quite expected to be badgered to buy tickets for Monday's concert, but when several minutes had passed, and that subject was not opened up, he began to wonder what was the real objective. That the South African friend was a myth he felt certain. The questions about him were vague and wild, and the apparent anxiety too lukewarm. He was becoming bored when his interest was suddenly spurred.

Miss Turland, somehow, introduced the name of Dowager Lady Boothie. In what connection was not very clear. What Flotman gathered was that her ladyship was a very great friend of this embryonic vocal star, and would do anything for her.

He encouraged Miss Turland to continue her eulogies and advertisement of the Dowager, for it happened that her ladyship was among the persons whom it was his special desire to know, for she was rich, and an inveterate gambler in shares.

So he laid himself out to be very agreeable to Miss Turland. He could be very entertaining to women when he chose, in a half-boisterous, half-submissive way that amused them.

When he lingered over Miss Turland's hand saying *au revoir* that night he jubilantly noticed that she made no sign of hurry to withdraw from his grip, and he knew that he had made the deep and favourable impression he had striven for. Being not altogether brutal, he could not repress a slight consciousness that he was playing a contemptible game. He was cozening this singer as the policeman is said to conciliate the cook, for sordidly material ends.

But, unlike his, Freiderich Flotman's need was urgent, for he was a distressed minor magnate, reduced to the humiliating necessity of peddling shares in West-End drawing-rooms.

He had come to London with £2,000 advanced by the bank which held all his available marketable scrip as security for old loans, and with it was endeavouring to place the hundred thousand shares in the New Jericho Extension—a new company hurriedly formed to raise funds for saving the parent property. If it went through, Flotman was not only saved, but made. If not—*débâcle!*

Within a week Flotman was a devoted personal attendant on Miss Turland. A rising singer is permitted a latitude in the matter of cavaliers which carries no penalty of malicious gossip.

But, somehow, the lady always contrived prettily to postpone the promised introduction to the Dowager.

"Leave it to me," she said; "I know how to manage the old lady. She is obstinate, and, like all such, prefers to believe that everything she does is her own initiation. If you begin to talk business to her she would probably be rude. Believe me, she will eventually come to you, and then you can dictate your own terms."

As a combative business man, Flotman worshipped success, and he recognised and admired profoundly the wondrous way in which Gladys Turland was commanding it. She was making rapid headway in her profession. As yet she was but a favourably known contributor to the entertainments of the rich, but she

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was extending her conquests by successful forays from the drawing-room to the concert platform, and Flotman was satisfied that it was her irresistible magnetic personality and cleverness which overcame all obstacles. She was just the type of wife for an ambitious, pushing man—the only woman he had so far met that he desired in that capacity. He would marry her.

It was at a grand drawing-room entertainment, at which the rising soprano had scored a flattering success, that Flotman was spurred to act upon the impulse to put his fate to the touch.

She had contrived to be alone with him in a secluded part of the great mansion, flushed and excited by the plaudits of a genuinely enthusiastic audience, who had overcome their usual dignified restraint by demanding an encore.

Flotman seized her by both hands, held her at arms' length for a moment while he gazed in boyishly rapturous admiration, then, pressing her helpless against the wall, deliberately kissed her, first on the forehead, then on the mouth.

She flushed, but made no sign of resentment or acquiescence.

"You *must* marry me," he said.

She caught her breath with a little gasp, as if she had received a cold douche, and a look of triumph flashed in her wonderful brown eyes that the dullest man could not misinterpret.

"Yes, yes, let me go. Don't agitate me. I have to sing again." And with a playful caress of her hand on his cheek she slipped away.

"They are all cold-hearted and afraid of showing their real feelings, these Englishwomen," he soliloquised, and, feeling the excusing magnanimity of the lover, he forgave her, and impatiently awaited her pleasure.

When three days had passed without a sign, he wrote an imploring appeal for an interview, and personally delivered it.

He was admitted to her pretty drawing-room at the flat where she dwelt discreetly under the guardianship of an elderly housekeeper-companion.

She was standing, dressed for an afternoon call, and looked queenly.

He advanced with outstretched arms and a half-hysterical cry.

"Gladys, what is the meaning of this? Do you doubt me?"

She kept him off with her hand at his breast. Her face flickered with suppressed emotion.

He tried to embrace her.

"Don't, don't!"

With an effort she released her hands and seated herself on a chair, where she sat stiff and unapproachable.

He was subdued. The frigid manner and the delicate fragile draperies combined to forbid the sacrilege of the closer contact he yearned for. He stood before her, confounded and confused, like a defaulting schoolboy.

"There is something wrong. Tell me plainly. What is it?" he blurted out.

"I hope there is not, but I fear there is," she answered, sadly and gently.

"Someone has been saying things against me."

She nodded, and unnecessarily inspected her glove buttons.

He hesitated. "Do you believe them?"

She looked up interrogatively.

"I know nothing of you, so cannot contradict what I am told. I wish I could," she spoke tenderly.

"What do they say?"

"That you are treacherous, and would sacrifice any man or woman who stood in your way, and have done so."

"Who says that?"

"I cannot tell you. Is it true? Have you ever done anything that would make me—make a woman ashamed to know you?"

She raised her sweeping veil from her big hat, and looked searchingly at him.

He quailed before the piercing brown eyes. Then suddenly he dropped on his knees and seized her hands.

"I have never done anything bad. If I had I would make amends. I'll do anything you wish. Don't send me away, don't!"

She looked at his emotion-torn face, with half-smiling contempt.

"This is not acting? You really want to marry me?"

She stood up to avoid the frenzied embrace he threatened. He grasped her waist.

"I do, I do! I'll give you anything—do anything—I'll give you five thousand—ten thousand pounds."

She stood looking at him for a space.

"Then return here this time to-morrow. I am going to get proof of what has been said against you. If you do not come I shall understand."

He began an impassioned protest. She stopped him by gently releasing herself and moving towards the door.

"Do you believe me?" he asked piteously, rising and following her.

"I am disposed to; but I have to convince someone else that you are not the treacherous creature she believes."

"Who is she?"

"Lady Boothie. She was prepared, on my representations, to take a large interest in your company, but the inquiries she made were so terribly bad against you."

The business man suddenly asserted himself over the lover.

"I'll take any oath you wish—do anything you wish that will convince you."

"I may take you at your word," she answered, and held out her hand.

He seized and kissed it.

"To-morrow at this time."

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"It is a good sign that you have come," she said. Her manner was more cordial, almost tender.

He sat beside her on the couch, but did not attempt to touch her.

"I must speak plainly, offensively," she began. "You won't object?"

"Go on, say all you wish—as you wish."

"Lady Boothie, as you know, is my dearest friend. I do nothing without consulting her. She knows of your offer to me, but she suspects you. She says you are a man who will make any promise to effect your object."

"I have been slandered," he interrupted sadly.

"She mistrusts you, and suspects your intentions towards me."

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Miss Lily Brayton as Clothilde

THE HEROINE OF STANLEY WEYMAN'S DRAMATISED "COUNT HANNIBAL"

Photo *Rita Martin*

Mr. Oscar Asche and Miss Lily Brayton are at present touring the provinces. This week they are at the Prince's Theatre, Bristol, where, on Monday, Mr. Asche produced a dramatisation of "Count Hannibal," Mr. Stanley Weyman's book, dealing with the massacre of the Huguenots

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He was on his knees, protesting tearfully.

"How can I prove I am honest?"

"Easily. You are a practical man; she is a practical woman; and this is her proposal: Make over to me ten thousand shares in your new company to hold as a guarantee that you will marry me within two months." She spoke with an effort.

"I will. You shall have them to-morrow. In two months they will be worth two pounds apiece," he said jubilantly, and he proceeded to expatiate on the prospects of the New Jericho Extension. But he did not explain that the shares he purposed handing over were vendors' shares, which he had promised his co-directors not to place on the market.

He left her happier than he had been since her personality had enthralled him, content to obey her injunction not to call until sent for.

Two days later his broker sent for him in hot haste. The limited market for New Jericho shares had fallen to pieces. The shares were tumbling to waste-paper price.

The financial columns of the evening papers devoted a few lines to the matter, explaining that the slump had been caused by the placing on the market of a large parcel by inside holders.

Next day a financial paper had a damning article on wild-cat schemes in general and New Jericho in particular, pointing out that the promoter of the venture had been the first to take advantage of a slight rise to realise, and his example had been followed by the few who had been foolish enough to take up the scrip.

When the House closed that afternoon Freiderich Flotman knew that he was a ruined man. The scrip on which he had relied to raise sufficient to rehabilitate him was unsaleable.

He also knew that the hand which had brought about his downfall was that which he had kissed in gratitude when he placed the parcel of scrip in it.

He rushed round to the flat, where he was evidently expected, for the housekeeper informed him that Miss Turland had left instructions that she would be ready to receive him after nine that evening.

Punctually at the hour he was shown into the little drawing-room. Gladys, stately and shimmering in a queenly robe, awaited him, standing on the rug by the fire.

"You have sold those shares. You have ruined me," he exclaimed, without greeting or preface.

She smiled a hard, bitter smile, and, indicating with a sweep of her bare white arm an evening paper lying on the couch, answered with maddening coolness:

"So I gather from that."

He paused in his advance towards her and staggered.

"I don't understand? Why did you sell?"

"To ruin you."

"What!"

"To deprive you of what was not yours, of what you stole from Charles Burnley."

Flotman turned pale, and spoke in dry, staccato sentences.

"I see, someone has been poisoning your mind . . . telling you a silly lie . . . I never stole anything from Charlie Burnley. . . . The claims were never his. I can prove it."

"Dare you say that to his face?" she demanded fiercely

"Of course. But what do you know of Burnley? Someone has been humbugging you. He was always a blackguard."

The woman looked at him with her head advanced—a contemptuous, loathing look, her hands clenching her dress convulsively.

"You say that? You who left him to die of fever in the Veld, while you rode in to town to register the claims in your own name."

"It's a lie. Besides, what business is it of yours? What are you to Charlie Burnley?" The tone was sinister.

"What am I to Charlie Burnley? Only his wife."

Flotman stood paralysed, his mouth half open like a victim of stage fright. Speech failed him; then a sickly, incredulous smile made his face more ghastly.

"His wife!" he gasped at last.

"Yes, my wife, you hound!"

Flotman turned his head, and saw entering the room his old partner—the man who had discovered the reef that had become the famous and once prosperous Old Jericho mine, the man whom he had left sick unto death in the Veld.

The two gazed at each other for several moments; then Burnley spoke:

"I should like to thrash you," he said, "but I might hurt you and spoil the best part of your punishment. You are a ruined man to-day. That is enough for me. This scheme has been my work. It has panned out well, eh?"

Flotman stood silent, as if dazed and about to faint. Twice he began to speak, but no articulate sound would leave his mouth, till, with an effort, he forced a harsh, unnatural laugh.

"You have scored, Charlie, and you can't complain because I have had my innings. It was all in the game."

"All in the game to desert a pal when he was down with fever? To leave him to die of thirst and starvation while you robbed him of his claims?" Burnley almost shouted.

"You would have done the same," was the sneering, cynical retort.

There was a swift blow, an agonised "Oh!" from the victim, and a shrill shriek from the woman as Flotman crashed to the floor.

He lay prone for a minute or two, then gathered himself up. His face was bleeding, but he was not much hurt.

"I want my money—the money she got for those shares. It is mine," he said coolly.

"Say 'please, sir,' and you shall have it," Burnley retorted with savage contempt.

Flotman hesitated.

"Say it, quick!"

"Please, sir, give me my money."

"I will, when I please. That will be when I hear that the bank has foreclosed on your securities. If you had it now it might pull you out of the fire, but I'm going to enjoy seeing you thoroughly finished. It's my turn to-day; I have waited years for this."

"Let him go, Charlie," Gladys pleaded. "You have punished him enough."

She went to the door and opened it. Flotman gave one glance at both, picked up his hat, and passed out.

DOUGLAS BLACKBURN.

The "Crack" Shooting Ship of the British Navy

"I WROTE TO THE ADMIRALTY FOR MORE CRUISERS TILL I WAS TIRED."—NELSON.

H.M.S. "Indomitable" is an armoured cruiser, launched in 1907 and completed in 1908. It cost nearly £2,000,000. Its armament consists of eight 12in. 45 calibre guns (such as are shown in the photograph above), paired in hooded barbettes. Two of these are fore and aft on the keel line, the others being échelonned in the centre of the ship in such a manner that all eight guns can fire ahead, astern, and on both broadsides. The secondary armament includes sixteen 4in. Q.-F. guns, throwing a shell weighing 31lb., and three submerged tubes are carried. She is probably the fastest cruiser in the world, and has a magnificent shooting record. Her sister ships are the "Invincible" and "Inflexible"

The Lovable Land of Infinite Light, Lilac Fields,

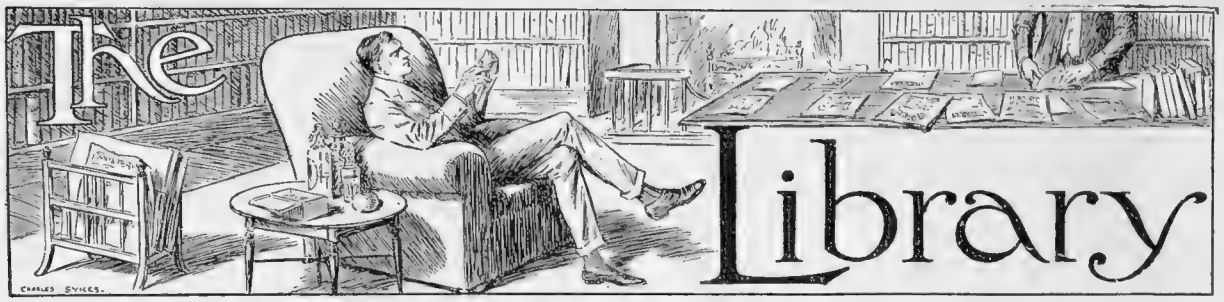
THE JAPANESE SMILE

"The smile is taught like the bow; like the prostration; like that little sibilant sucking-in of the breath which follows, as a token of pleasure, the salutation to a superior; like all the elaborate and beautiful etiquette of the old courtesy."—LAFCADIO HEARN

Azure Lilies, Cherry Flowers, and Plum Blossoms

JAPAN'S MAGICAL TREES

"Is it that the trees have been so long domesticated and caressed by man in this land of the Gods, that they have acquired souls, and strive to show their gratitude, like women loved, by making themselves more beautiful for man's sake?"—LAFCADIO HEARN



Whistler's Arch Enemy

I never quite knew why the late Mr. Whistler always thought it so very necessary to poke fun at the late Mr. Harry Quilter (" 'Arry "), of the *Times*, the *Spectator*, and other papers. Mr. Quilter's chief offence against the painter seems to have been that he made a mistake in distinguishing between a water-colour and an oil, which, according to Whistler, his " sense of smell " should have prevented; that he dared to inhabit, and to invest with the needful conveniences, Whistler's former " White House " in Tite Street, and that he was once found painting a certain doorway in Venice which Whistler claimed as " his " doorway. On the surface of it, there is not much here to justify such a campaign against a man as that waged for many years by the *World* against Mr. Quilter. However, perhaps the " I do not like thee, Doctor Fell " principle was that on which Whistler based his action. Glancing through the pages of the collected *Opinions on Men, Women, and Things* (Swan Sonnenschein) of the late Mr. Quilter one realises that here was, perhaps, one of those men who are destined by fate, for no easily explicable reason, to be the butt of the ridicule of their fellows. The very fact that a man *has* opinions on every subject under the sun is sufficient for him to make enemies.

A Caricature of Réjane by Mattnes

One of the illustrations from *The Third French Republic*, by Frederick Lawton, M.A.

An Artist Who Thought in Facts

And Mr. Quilter aired his without much regard for the specialists. In his painting, without being in any sense a genius, he set forth to record things seen without the slightest regard for the fact that such subjects were popularly supposed to be the copyright of other more celebrated artists. He painted " Whistler's doorway " in Venice, and coolly claimed that, if it was inferior in art to the work of the greater man, it was superior in fidelity! In another case we have him daring to defend one of his landscapes from the charge of sketchiness and slightness on the ground that it was a " faithful record " of a fact. A painter who dares to go about the world logically justifying himself as a recorder of facts is bound to make contemptuous foes and enemies. On other questions Mr. Quilter is safer. For instance, in his " review of reviewing " he has some apt words of caution, out of which the safest is, perhaps, that which reminds one that " a primary condition of periodical criticism should be to judge the work from the point of view of the author's aim; not to blame it for being something which he has evidently sought that it should be—nor *vice versâ*."

Something for the Reviewer

This, put in text form, should be hung up in every reviewer's library. The utter inability of so many of the craft to get, as it were, into the author's skin, is the cause of much injustice. Under the heading of " Quotations," we find a choice selection of Mr. Quilter's views on such diverse subjects as ideas, the amateur, club management, children choosing pictures, the Heroes of Dumas, and discipline. All these reintroduce to us the point of view of a *causeur* of no small individuality, who, had he only possessed a little humour, would have been one of the most-talked-of and quoted men of his day, and one whom J. McNeill Whistler would have thought long before calling 'Arry. It was the extraordinary lack of this quality, and also of the gift, probably, to see himself as others saw him, which made Mr. Quilter no more, if no less, than the man he was.

About Our Ally

We cannot know too much about the country with which we are practically allied. A book, therefore, to be read, and possessed, is *The Third French Republic*, by Frederick Lawton, M.A. (Grant Richards: 12*s*. 6*d*. net). It gives, in readable and interesting form, a record of the acts of the various Presidents, from Thiers to Fallières, which enables one to realise the curious change which has come over France since 1871 in her valuation of public men. Beginning with brilliant statesmen, such as Thiers and MacMahon, she has passed, *viâ* men of charm and distinction such as Carnot and Casimir-Perier, to straightforward *bourgeois* like Loubet and Fallières.

The Might of Heaven's Axe

A REMARKABLE LIGHTNING STROKE NEAR ALDERSHOT

The above oak tree was, in a recent local thunderstorm, struck clean in two, with a thoroughness recalling, on a gigantic scale, the feats of the late Mr. Gladstone

One ceases, now, even to hope that France will recover her one-time brilliancy. The black coat has come to stay, and it seems that our ally must be getting a little middle-aged and — what is the French for "dowdy"? The book is superbly illustrated, the portraits being exceptionally good. I reproduce here a curious caricature of Réjane by Matthès.

A Pleasant Story Well Titled

An attractive title is one of the most important assets a story can have, and I think Mrs. B. M. Croker's christening of her latest book, *Katherine the Arrogant* (Methuen : 6*s*.), will not be the least important item in its success. It is a pleasantly told and eminently readable tale of the vicissitudes of a young girl of good birth and education, who has to earn her living as a "lady's-maid-companion" to unscrupulous old Lady Warbeck, who manages on £1,200 a year to live as if she had £5,000. While illness keeps her employer a prisoner after the close of a season in a Swiss hotel, Katherine forms an acquaintance with a Nameless Man, their first meeting being in a mist on the mountain-side, and though from this moment we know that the last chapter will sound the couple's wedding-bells, there are a variety of obstacles to be overcome before this happy culmination. The chief in this instance is the Unknown's highly excitable invalid wife, to whom Katherine, quite inadvertently, becomes the temporary companion; but it would not be fair to Mrs. Croker to give away more of the plot. The whole forms a perfectly wholesome and pleasant little love romance.

A Hunting Story

All lovers of horses and hounds will welcome Mr. Eyre Hussey's *Polly Winford*. As a matter of fact, there were three "Polly Winfords"—an old lady, a young lady, and an Australian filly that eventually greatly distinguished herself at Ascot. "Polly Winford," the young lady, came to England, after her father's death, rather dreading to meet two awful aunts. In order that she may know them, being herself unknown, she adopts a disguise of name. This disguise also enables her to indulge in what is to her a new delight, the sport of foxhunting. In this she greatly distinguishes herself. As well as being a dashing and clever rider, Polly was a very charming, sympathetic, and helpful woman. The household of the vicarage in which she was a paying guest, the village boys and girls, and also the delightful, but slightly cracked, old Squire had every reason to bless the day that brought Polly Winford to England. The story ends with wedding-bells, but its chief interest is that of the horses, the hounds, and the hunting, of which Mr. Hussey writes so well.

Edgar Wallace's Latest Book

How a Duke ever came to reside in a suburb—particularly a suburb like Brockley—we will not attempt to explain here, as it would detract from the enjoyment with which the book is bound to be read. Suffice it to say that Mr. Edgar Wallace's latest book, *The Duke in the Suburbs* (Ward, Lock : 6*s*.), is of the much-sought-after type that once picked up proves difficult to lay down again until finished. Its chief attraction lies in the fact that the story is so brightly told, with such delightful lightness and humour, just sufficiently tinged in parts with the dramatic. The book has the advantage of being printed in unusually large and clear type.

Menu for a Supper

Mayonnaise of Fish in Shells

Take the required number of china shells and line with a little shred lettuce and celery. Then add about a tablespoonful (for each shell) of carefully flaked white fish and, if liked, a few capers. Pour a rich, thick mayonnaise sauce over, and decorate with a cross of beetroot and four little heaps of coralline pepper.

Stewed Sweetbreads

Soak two sweetbreads in salted tepid water for an hour, put them into a stewpan with clean cold water, bring to the boil, let them boil for a quarter of an hour, then rinse in cold water, and press between two plates until cold; then trim off all fat, and cut into thick slices; have ready half a pint of rich white sauce, which should be flavoured with salt, cayenne, nutmeg, and a little shallot, let the sweetbreads stew gently in this for half an hour, then dish and serve, nicely garnished with Brussels sprouts or French beans. Squeeze over the juice of half a lemon before serving.

Fillets of Teal and Anchovies

Fillet the teal after partly roasting them, lay them on a tin or china fireproof dish, which has been buttered and sprinkled with grated Parmesan cheese; place a fillet of anchovy on each piece, moisten with breadcrumbs and grated Parmesan cheese, then bake in the oven; squeeze the juice of a lemon over them before serving.

Coffee Cream

Half a pint of cream, one gill of strong coffee, one gill of milk, the yolks of three eggs, the white of one, and 2oz. of sugar. Make a custard with the coffee, milk, and eggs, and strain it into a basin. Melt the gelatine with a little coffee, strain it into the custard. Whip the cream and stir it in. When the cream is just beginning to set, turn it into the mould and leave it to set.

Tricolour Toasts

Two hard-boiled eggs, anchovy paste or sauce, ten pieces of fried bread or toast, five chopped gherkins, pepper and salt. Spread the toast with anchovy paste, and sprinkle with pepper, pass the yolks of the eggs and also the whites, but separately, through a sieve; put a band of yellow, then one of chopped gherkins, and then of the white of the egg; place on a silver dish, and garnish with parsley. This can be prepared some little time before it is wanted for the table, and is a very pretty savoury. EMILIA.

Tales of a Countrywoman

"One day last Summer," writes my friend the naturalist, "I was far out on the Moors, away, as it seemed, from the furthest fringe of civilisation—and I was woefully hungry. Coming at length upon a one-storeyed cottage, packed away in the shelter of a small coppice, I knocked at the door. After a minute, an apple-faced old dame came trotting round the house from the back. I fell aside, more from thankfulness than from surprise, for she was floury up to the elbows, and there was an unmistakable odour of baked cakes about her cotton gown.

"I may live to be ninety, but never shall I forget the taste of the currants in that good woman's girdle-cakes—nor the tales she told me of what the great doctors say about currants, and what her own great good man says about them, and what she thinks about them, and how many pounds she uses. Ever since that day I have made a practice of eating currant girdle-cakes whenever and wherever possible, and have found them the most satisfying, as well as the most delicious, of all cakes."

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R. H. KERSEY, WINNER OF THE SENIORS' RACE IN THE ETON COLLEGE STEEPLECHASES

These races were held on March 8. The course for the Seniors' race is about three miles long, and the winner, who led by fifty yards at the finish, did it in 16 min. 28 3-5th sec. S. G. Menzies, the master of the beagles, who won in 1907 and 1908, was expected to score his third win, but suddenly collapsed when running strongly. The Juniors' race, a distance of about two miles, was won by G. K. S. May in 13 min. 55 2-5th sec. G. F. Freeman-Thomas was most fancied for this event on account of his recent win in the Junior mile, but cut himself badly on some barbed wire and had to stop

GOLF. By Ernest Lehmann

The Amateur Championship Rota

The vital point has been missed by many of those who have given us their views on the subject of the rota. Many players think that the most important aspect of the matter consists in the selection of the course on which the Amateur Championship shall be played. I venture to differ, and to assert that a far more important thing is the status of the club over whose course the competition is to be held. When we look at the problem from this point of view it will be seen at once why so many of us are fighting for the retention of the present rota.

Relative Value of Courses

Opinions may differ as to the relative value of the present five Amateur Championship courses, but no one can dispute the assertion that the Royal and Ancient, Honourable Company, Prestwick, Royal Liverpool, and St. George's Clubs are the most important and most representative clubs in the world of golf, or maintain that the course of any one of them is not a first-class green. Any competition which is managed by any one of these clubs is sure to be well and fairly managed, with a constant eye to the best interests of the game. To dissolve the rota means the loss of certainty in good and wise control of the great Amateur Competition which these great clubs give us. It would have been much more to the point if, instead of covertly alleging by their action that the present championship greens were no longer representative of modern first-class courses, the delegates had recognised that the twenty-four clubs governing the Amateur Championship are no longer representative of modern golf, and had proposed that their association should be dissolved, and that another body should take their place. It is some such feeling as this that lies at the root of the suggestion for asking the Royal and Ancient to assume control.

A Compromise

I have suggested, as a compromise, that the new body, if we are to have a new body, should consist of delegates of the five Amateur Championship greens clubs with the Royal North Devon added. But I am bound to say that the Tantallon motion, favouring the retention of the existing rota, with a proviso that the delegates shall be free to choose another course every sixth year, proposed, as it is, by Mr. Robert Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Mansfield Hunter, impresses me very favourably. It retains control in the right hands, and adds elasticity to the rota without laying us open to the danger of intrigue and underhand lobbying.

I may add, as a sign of the times, that the Tantallon delegate has been instructed, in the event of his motion failing to pass, to vote against the abolition of the rota.

As we approach the momentous day in May when the question will be decided I note with satisfaction the increasing volume of opinion adverse to the foolish and ill-considered original abolition proposal of the delegates.

Eton College Steeplechases

(1) Getting ready. (2) The last brook. (3) The Juniors soon after the start. For details, see page 559

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HUNTING. By A. W. C.

Hunting in Hampshire

It is said that Mr. George Evans, famous in Cambridgeshire and Kent as an M.F.H., is to hunt the Hampshire Hounds next season, and the followers of that pack could have secured nobody who knows more about the noble game of foxhunting, or one who is better qualified to show sport in a difficult country. Mr. Evans hasn't an easy task ahead. So, at least, we may guess from the fact that the present Masters of the H.H. are giving up because foxes have become so scarce. That is always a heart-breaking state for any huntsman to find his country in, but Mr. Evans can be relied upon to do the best possible with the material at his command. Hampshire has never borne a really great reputation for foxhunting, yet no country has a more ancient history in connection with the chase. Was it not while on a hunting expedition within its boundaries that our old historical friend, William Rufus, met with his end, the manner of which would surely have given us "furiously to think" in these days? Since the time of the luckless Rufus there has always been good hunting in the New Forest, and within a month from now many enthusiasts from the fashionable Shires will journey down to Brockenhurst and Lyndhurst with the object of finishing the season with the Forest staghounds and foxhounds.

Well-known Figures with the Cottesmore

From left to right, these horsemen are Baron de Forest Viscount Castlereagh, and Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, all first-flight riders in the Shires

A Notable Sporting County

All things considered, Hampshire deserves to be reckoned among our premier sporting counties. Racing was enjoyed there long before Newmarket became the headquarters of the Turf, as a Winchester meeting certainly existed in the time of Charles I., and is believed to have existed even earlier. Charles II. encouraged the Winchester races with money and by his presence. I have already indicated something of Hampshire's notable hunting history, and it may be added that the county at present supports fully a dozen packs of different kinds. Then as to cricket. What village of Hampshire is there without its good eleven? And was not Hambledon the very cradle of the game? As for the gun, nothing can surpass the partridge-shooting on the estates of Lord Carnarvon and Lord Ashburton; while to the angler the "sweet and fishful" rivers of Hampshire, including the Itchen, the Test, and the Avon, are for ever dear. In other branches of sport you will find Hampshire holding a good place, while to the naturalist there is no spot in the kingdom more interesting than the New Forest, where, as a correspondent of *Baily's Magazine* recently pointed out, red, fallow, and roe-deer may be found wild; also black game, pheasants, partridges, wild duck, widgeon, teal, and other wild-fowl, as well as woodcock and snipe, which regularly breed in the Forest, and an abundance of foxes, hares, and rabbits. A veritable paradise, indeed, for the lover of nature and sport.

A New M.F.H. for Galway

The name of Loder has long been well known in sport. It was the first baronet, Sir Robert Loder, who did so well during a short period in the Mastership of the Crawley and Horsham Hounds, while one of his sons, Major Eustace Loder, has been so successful on the Turf with Pretty Polly, Spearmint, and other horses, that he has earned the soubriquet of "Lucky Loder." The family now makes another contribution to the list of M.F.H.'s, as Mr. Norman Wilfrid Loder, grandson of the late Sir Robert, and nephew of Major Eustace, has arranged to take Captain the Hon. H. C. Vane's place in the Mastership of the County Galway Hounds at the end of the season. These hounds are known in Ireland as the "Blazers," and the country they hunt over has a good sporting reputation. The new M.F.H. is likely to suit the hard-riding men of Galway, for he is one of the best horsemen that have come down from Cambridge in recent years. Certainly he is the best polo player sent out by either University since Lord Wodehouse, and I look to young Mr. Loder to make a big mark both in polo and foxhunting.

Polo in the Blackmore Vale

Mention of polo reminds me that the season will begin, weather permitting, at the Blackmore Vale Club this week. I am told that the prospects are excellent. The club will unfailingly feel the loss of Mr. H. E. Lambe, whose fatal accident was so saddening a feature of last season. But there is an energetic new honorary secretary in the Hon. Lionel Lambart, while an enthusiastic player in Mr. John Hargreaves has accepted the post of president of the club in place of Earl Cairns, who has left the neighbourhood. Entries have already been received for the Spring Tournament, which begins on April 10, and continues during Easter week.

The Coming Shows

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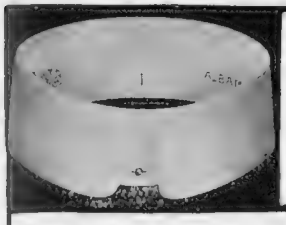

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RACING. By CARBINE

THE LINCOLN HANDICAP

A Lincoln Forecast

There will be the usual crowd of hopeful backers at Lincoln next Tuesday, and many will place their confidence in Kaffir Chief, who has the advantage of requiring less training than most of his opponents, and is usually seen at his best in this race. In 1907 he was second to Ob, and last year he won. It would be unwise, therefore, to ignore Kaffir Chief's chance. Succour will have the help of that artistic horseman, Danny Maher, and, as one of last season's most consistent performers, he is sure to have his share of friends. Raeberry was one of my earlier fancies for the race, and if he runs will probably give a good account of himself. The French colt, Borax, is said to be dangerous; The Tower is an outsider quite capable of bringing off a surprise; and I have some respect for Lucus, especially in view of the fact that he showed good form quite early last season. There are reasons, too, for respecting Duke of Sparta and some of the other light-weights; but there can only be one winner, and that I think will be **Arranmore**, who was highly tried just about the time he won at Lincoln last autumn, and has the assistance of the redoubtable little Frank Wootton. For places I recommend **Kaffir Chief** and **Raeberry**.

M. James Hennessy's Lutteur III.

Photographed after winning the Champion Sweepstakes Steeplechase at Hurst Park, after one of the most interesting of the winter's races

A Brilliant French Jumper

An extraordinary change, unexpected and sudden, came over the Grand National outlook last week. We must own to being fairly staggered by the brilliant jumping and pace shown by the French horse, Lutteur III., at Hurst Park. I imagine that few of us prior to that race had thought of him seriously in regard to the National. French horses in the past have not done well at Liverpool. Mainly for this reason, then, we regarded the entry of Lutteur III. complacently enough. We didn't know enough about him to believe him to be dangerous. Yet when we saw him last week making tip-top 'chasers like Mount Prospect's Fortune and Leinster look little better than ordinary platers, we had freely to acknowledge that M. James Hennessy possesses a remarkably fine young jumper. So impressed were most of us by Lutteur's performance that we were more than sorry that Cackler was not there to oppose him, for it would surely have been a superb struggle between them. I hesitate to believe that the French horse, used to French courses and ridden by a jockey who has never ridden over the Aintree course, can win the Grand National at the first attempt. Lutteur is now a pronounced favourite, but the glamour of his Hurst Park performance ought not to induce us to minimise the immensity of the task in front of him at Liverpool on Friday week.

The Grand National

For my part, I must own to a solid preference to horses that have already shown their ability to stay and jump the Aintree course. I am looking, therefore, to Rubio, Mattie Macgregor, and Tom West to supply the winner of the great steeple chase. The recent mishap to Rubio does not, of course, improve his chance, and so my selection at present shall be **Mattie Macgregor.** Many of the Grand National candidates will doubtless be seen in public during the present week, and no fewer than three good meetings, Kempton Park, Haydock Park, and Warwick, will take place on Saturday, the National Hunt gathering having been postponed to this date. At Kempton on Friday **Round Dance** may win the Stand Steeplechase, and **Lutteur III.** will probably again show his smartness in the Spring Steeplechase on the following day. Now that my original selection, Davy Jones, has been disqualified by winning a big race last week, **Wardstown** may secure the National Hunt Steeplechase on Saturday.

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The 'Varsity Match

The rumpus which has been going on at Oxford over the refusal of the Blues Committee to grant a Half-blue to the lacrosse team gave an added interest to the 'Varsity match, which was played on the New College ground at Oxford last week; and, to make matters more exciting, Oxford were beaten when they were expected to win, and ought, in fact, to have done so. It was the old story of a side brilliant in attack up to a point, but unable to press the advantage home, and weak in defence, having—in the cant phrase—"the most of the game" and yet having to knock under to a side with less real power of attack, but with greater ability to make use of its chances, backed up by a defence which was as sound as the proverbial rock. All through the season Oxford's failing has been a tendency to "bunch" on goal, coupled with indifferent shooting.

Cambridge's Fifth Win

In the match this weakness was accentuated, and though at one period of the game the score was five all, the Oxford defence went all to bits just at this crucial stage of the game, with the result that Cambridge eventually won by 8—6. I was very glad to see that E. A. H. de Tiel, the Oxford captain, did not allow the fact that his colleagues differed from, and overruled him, on the question whether the match should be scratched (as a protest against the hard-heartedness of the Blues Committee) to affect his loyalty to his side. He duly turned out, and did much good work in goal; in front of him Macdonnell, Dart, and Bell were excellent, but Robinson was too well looked after to be really effective. For Cambridge, all the backs, and Ascoli in particular, were good, while Batty and B. H. Holloway were always prominent in attack. Since the match was instituted in 1903 Cambridge have won five times and Oxford twice.

Well Saved!

The Oxford captain, E. A. H. de Tiel, wished to scratch the lacrosse match against Cambridge as a protest against the refusal of the Oxford Blues Committee to grant a Half-blue to lacrosse. But the match came off, and de Tiel is here seen displaying his skill as a goalkeeper

RACQUETS

A Correction Under Extenuating Circumstances

I have received a communication from Mr. B. C. Reade, hon. secretary (for racquets) of the Bombay Gymkhana, pointing out that the description of Peter Latham and George Standing in our issue of January 13 as "past and present Racquets Champions" is erroneous, and that the World's Champion is W. Jamsetji, of Bombay. This fact is quite indisputable, and as he (Mr. Reade) has also taken the trouble to write to the *Field* about this same matter, and really seems to be quite keen about it, I have much pleasure in giving effect to his letter. The facts are that the championship went to Jamsetji in 1903 on the retirement of Peter Latham, and that since then Jamsetji, although he has been ready and willing to come to England to defend his title, has not been called upon so to do. THE BYSTANDER can only plead, in extenuation of its technical error, that "Peter's" name is so inseparably associated with the championship of racquets that to call him a champion, when in truth and in fact he is only an ex-champion, is—like Mr. Tony Weller's fondness for widows—"a amable weakness."

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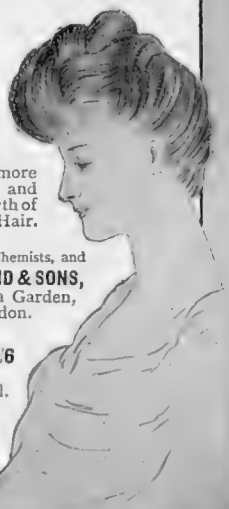

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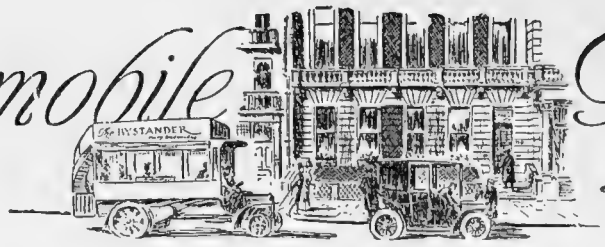


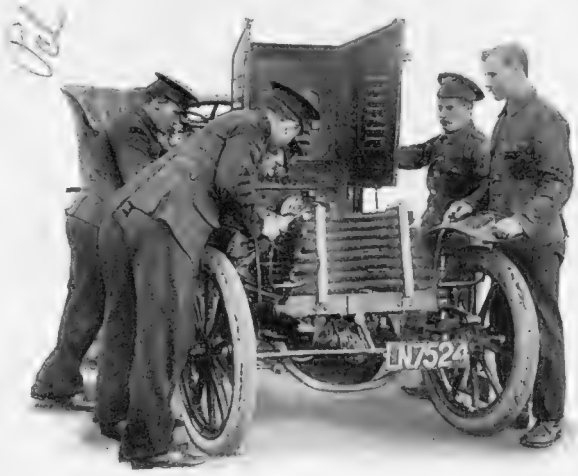
By COMYNS BEAUMONT

Automobilisation

To-day (Wednesday), Saint Patrick's Day, motorists from all parts of the kingdom will assemble in force either to take part in or to witness the conveyance of a battalion of H.M. Guards, under Lieut.-Colonel J. F. Erskine, M.V.O., from London to Hastings. The scheme is under the direction of the officials of the Automobile Association, and owes its inception to the fact that many prominent motorists hold the view that the use of motor-cars for the rapid transport of troops to any threatened point of our coasts would prove invaluable in any time of grave national emergency. England, with her splendid system of roads, is peculiarly suitable for mechanical traffic of this nature, and it is certain that should occasion arise a very large number of automobiles would at once be placed at the disposal of the Government by patriotic private motorists.

"The Battle of Hastings"

To-day's great experiment is the result of a conference between Colonel Arthur Du Cros, M.P. for Hastings, and Mr. Haldane and his military advisers, and is intended to demonstrate the practicability of quickly transporting a large number of troops, with their war equipment, by motor-car. It has been assumed, for the purpose of the scheme, that a sudden concentration of troops at Hastings has become necessary, and that information has been received in London that the railway lines have been captured and destroyed by the enemy. It is, therefore, decided to send a battalion of Guards—with first and second line of transport—by road to Hastings, and this is the task which the "A.A." has undertaken. A battalion, at full war strength, comprises over a thousand officers and men, with machine-guns, ammunition, medical stores, tools, food, water, baggage, blankets, and other impedimenta, aggregating some thirty tons weight, and it is, therefore, apparent that this very interesting task involves no small amount of labour and skill. Of course, the criticism may be advanced that in a real emergency the mobilisation of the necessary number of motor vehicles could not be accomplished at a moment's notice, but with the remarkably efficient organisation at the command of Colonel Bosworth and Mr. Stenson Cooke, of the "A.A.," and remembering the enormous number of members possessed of cars in the Metropolitan district alone, the work of assembling a number of cars at any given spot could be very quickly performed. In any case, a trial run is a most excellent rehearsal, and to-day's experience will be watched by motorists all over the world with the closest interest and attention.



Non-Militant Motorists

Tommy Atkins and his comrades study the mechanism of the automobile—old style

British Aeroplane Success

The news from Nova Scotia of Dr. Graham Bell's striking success with his aeroplane at Baddeck last week is particularly gratifying just now. Coming as it does at a time when everyone is beginning to realise the fact of the slackness in British enterprise in aeronautics, it is doubly welcome. Mr. Douglas McCurdy, the Canadian assistant of Dr. Graham Bell, made two successful flights with "Drome No. 4" over a straight course of four miles above the ice on the Bras d'Or Lake. In the first flight he maintained an elevation of about twenty feet, remaining in the air for as many minutes. In the second flight an elevation of forty-five feet was attained, and successful turns in all directions were gracefully carried out. Altogether a total distance of nineteen miles was covered. "Drome No. 4" is a double-decker, having a total width of twenty-five feet, with planes fore and aft measuring six feet in width. The motor is of 50 h.-p., having eight cylinders, and is carried in the centre of the aeroplane, driving a two-blade propeller of wood in the rear.

R.A.C. Banquet

As already announced in THE BYSTANDER, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will be the principal guest at the Royal Automobile Club's annual banquet, to be held in Covent Garden Theatre to-morrow (Thursday, March 18), under the chairmanship of H.S.H. Prince Francis of Teck. Among those who have accepted invitations are the Duke of Sutherland, the President of the R.A.C., Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Stafford, and Lord Carrington. Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Herbert Gladstone will represent the Government; Sir Edward Ward the War Office; Sir William Nicholson, Major-General Heath, Major-General Ruck, the Army. A brilliant assemblage of Ambassadors and Foreign Ministers will impart an international aspect to the gathering, and among those expected are the Marquis de Soveral, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador, the Spanish Ambassador, the Chinese Minister, the

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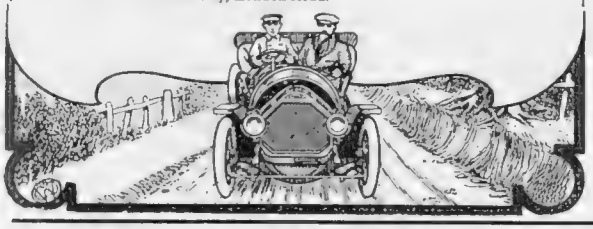

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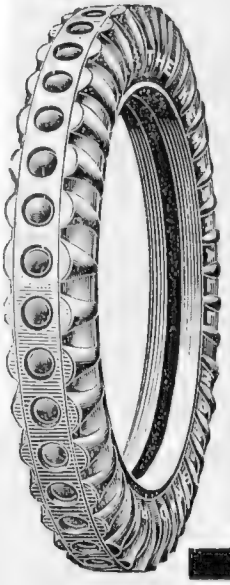

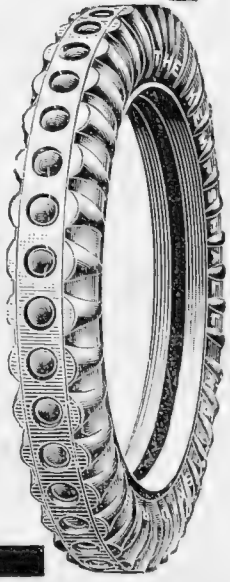

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Norwegian Minister, and the Swiss Minister. Sir Hubert Herkomer will be one of the representatives of Art, and Mr. G. Lawrence Gomme, of the London County Council. Others from among a list of upwards of six hundred diners to be present are :—Lord Farquhar, Colonel Holden, Mr. Roger Wallace, Chairman of the Aero Club, Sir Arthur Bigge, Sir Henry Cunyngham, of the Home Office, Mr. G. Leveson Gower, Count de Lalaing, the President of the Danish Automobile Club, Lord Herbert Scott, Mr. Worby Beaumont, Sir Wm. Lancaster, Sir David Salomons, Sir Clifton Robinson. After dinner the theatre will be restored to its accustomed form, and a unique musical entertainment will be given under the direction of Mr. Frank Rendle and Mr. Alfred Butt, of the Palace Theatre. The "bill" is to include a number of the leading artists from the London theatres and music-halls, so that a most interesting time may be anticipated by all concerned. Mr. Julian W. Orde, the Club secretary, should be communicated with at once by anyone who has not yet secured tickets.

The First International Aeroplane Exhibition

Olympia will present a highly interesting and instructive exhibition on Friday, when the first International exhibition of aeroplanes, airships, dirigible balloons, and the various accessories appertaining thereto will be opened under the auspices of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. Motor craft will also be on view, and the show will remain open from March 19 to 27. It is satisfactory to know that over a hundred firms have taken space, and that the majority of these are British. I shall deal at some length with the various prominent features of interest in THE BYSTANDER next week. COMYNS BEAUMONT.

Miscellanea

The twelve motor tramways to be installed at the International Exhibition at Shepherd's Bush are to be of British make, and supplied by Messrs. Sydney Straker and Squire, Ltd., of London.

Mr. Alec Mosses, of the Clement Company, reports that he has booked orders for six British-made Clement cars for use in India, and for two to be delivered in New Zealand.

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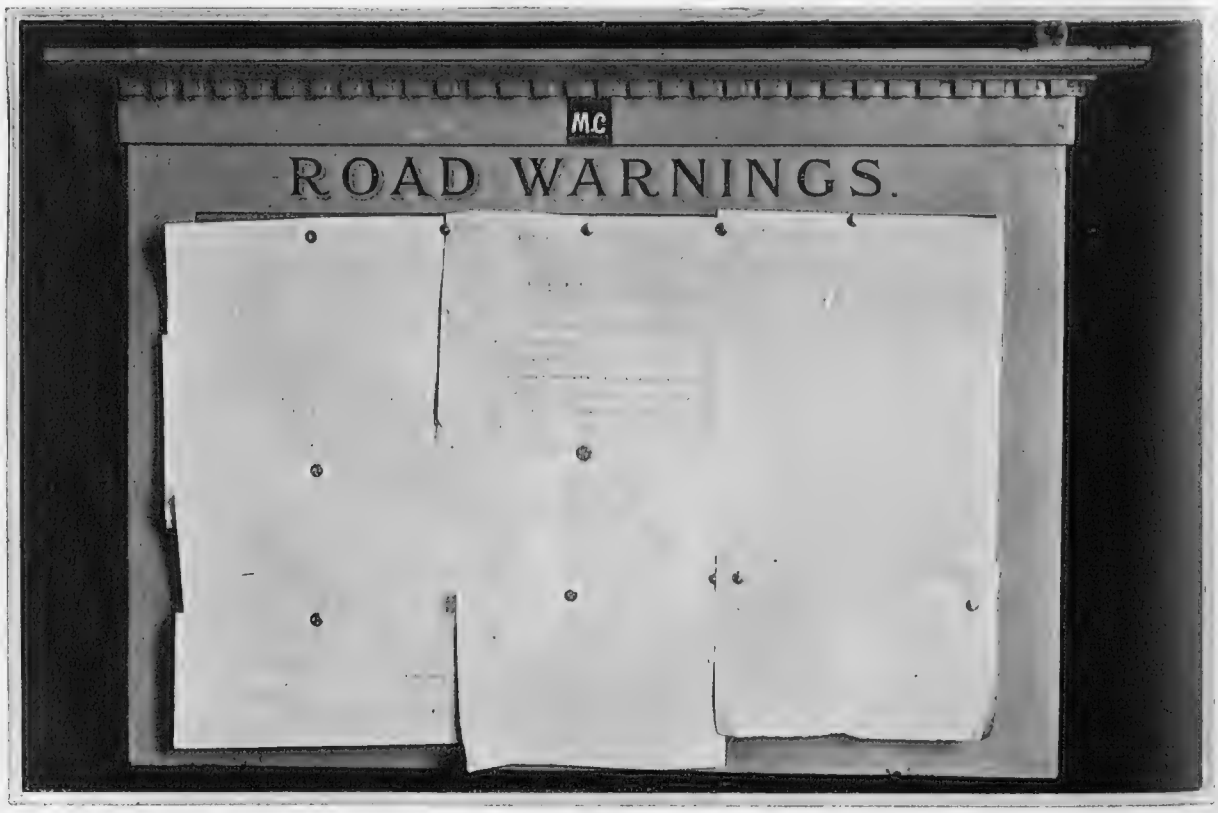

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The Garden

The Advantage of Terraces

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Single Chrysanthemums Again Popular

For a long time Japanese chrysanthemums reigned supreme. No other form had a chance against them. But during the last few years the singles have been creeping into favour, and now a great many gardens contain some of the beautiful varieties which have been recently introduced. They are hardier than the doubles, and are not injured by a few degrees of frost, which is a decided advantage. March is the best month for propagating them. The cuttings should be rooted in the ordinary way, and planted outside in May. If they are to flower in the conservatory they may be lifted when they are wanted, or they may be grown in pots. The method of training them, recommended by a leading grower, is to pinch out the tops as soon as the plants are established and to allow three shoots to grow, and to stop these again when they are six inches long and to let three shoots grow on each. If large flowers are preferred, all except one are removed from each shoot, so that the plant would then carry nine altogether; for a larger number of smaller flowers the disbudding is not so severe.

H. C. Davidson.

A Woman's Note Book

Scilly Flowers

It is a strange English inconsistency to rave of the bulbous plants blooming in Holland and forget those blooming in Scilly, or even more quaint and remote in idea is that craze which takes the loyal British subject to the South of France in order to admire the earliest spring blossoms, while he so neglects the little islands on his own coast that, though, surely, he has heard of their floral beauty, he has certainly never seen it. But this year Scilly has a grand revenge upon former neglect, for while in Nice we are told it has been colder than in Iceland, the daffodils are blooming away gaily off Cornwall, and presumably those persons who have been feeling very chilly and uncomfortable in warmer (!) lands are wishing that they had, for once, endured a more English climate, much as that same English climate has always been abused both by foreigners and by her own subjects.

Prosperous Isles

Twenty-five years ago the inhabitants of Scilly (silly in more than one sense of the word, if an atrocity like a pun may be pardoned) were growing potatoes on the very land where they are now growing daffodils. Then some shrewd and enterprising persons, observing the waste of energy and guessing the possibilities of those tiny Western isles, conceived the idea of flower-farming. Last year over nine hundred tons were shipped from the farms, and this year, owing to the scarcity in the South of France, the price which is to be commanded by Scilly flowers has risen high, so that there is every prospect of a record season. The inhabitants of these islands do not exceed 1,500, and as there is confident hope that, with the advance of agriculture and farm-work generally and the improved methods of soil culture, yet more capital may be drawn from Scilly, we can hardly say that there is not one corner of the kingdom which is not happily prosperous. But most interesting and beautiful of all must be the sight of the flower farms in their full glory, and I am ashamed to say that so far I, too, am one of those British who have been neglectful.

Complaints on London's Summer

Somebody from somewhere (I think from Sweden) has been complaining to the Press of his own country of London life, and saying that we aren't a bit comfortable, that we have no double windows for use in the winter, and no means of keeping ourselves cool in the summer, and that just at the point on a journey when we are exhausted by July heat, we get ourselves served with hot beer or soda-water. But he is rather inconsistent, this person, for he speaks (or writes, rather) of the "suffocating heat of a London summer" (as if we could help London being suffocatingly hot), and says nothing is done to cool the streets or ease us, yet soon afterwards he says, "Englishmen are mad over fresh air," so that at last one wonders what he does expect of us. Perhaps, however, we must not grumble too much. After all, it is a national fault with some peoples to come into other folks' cities and say how unpleasant everything is which they find there, and I fear John Bull himself is not quite innocent of it.

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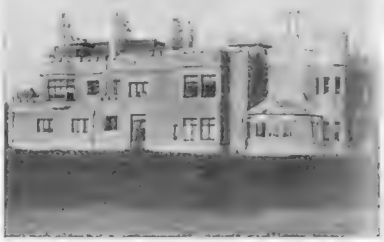

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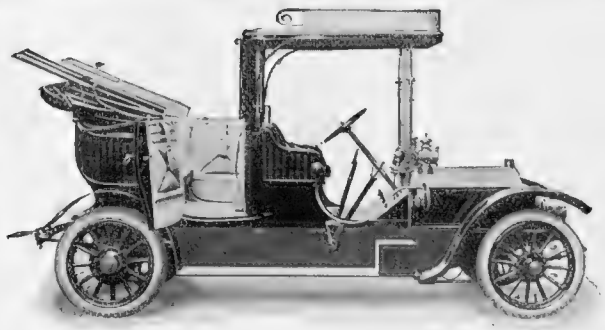

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When these words appear in print we shall probably be passing through one of the most extraordinary epochs of mercantile enterprise ever experienced. Just what it will all lead to it is impossible to predict, and I, personally, do not propose to indulge in any wild conjectures. But what I am convinced of is that we are well through the days of bluff. Women, even the least intelligent, and also those who are wilfully determined to hang on to cheap markets, are no longer "taken in" in the way they were. They have learnt to know rubbish when they see it, and are, nowadays, curiously intolerant of the forcing trick, so long regarded as the most valuable asset a small saleswoman could possess.

A Smart Spring Chapeau

Of natural bass straw, showing the vogue for a slightly roll-over brim. The crown is massed with *rose fanée* chiffon roses and natural foliage, and the inspiration comes direct from the great Paris house of Lucy et Jaley

On Moderate Prices

This is not to say we shall despise moderate prices, but we are learning to exact equivalent value. And we do not want any pretence about the matter. If we elect to buy a cheap thing we are ready to accept it at its proper worth; we do not desire that cotton shall be called wool, silk, or an English production passed off as Parisian. And the more British productions that are offered us the better pleased we are.

It is with the keenest delight I observe the growing aptitude of our *modistes* and milliners for evolving their own models. Looking to Paris for their keynote, they grow yearly less inclined to spend fabulous sums on potential models, finding from experience how frequently much more attractive, and, if you like, lucrative, are their own inspirations, arranged in accordance with the decrees of the moment. Now, emphatically among those of our leading establishments, whose line of conduct is accepted without demur, is that of

Peter Robinson, Regent Street

The costume department here is under particularly able management, and is meeting the immediate demand for tailor-mades, both smart and simple, with marked success. Of the latter kind, rather, is the model sketched by Mrs. Dorothy Millar, a supremely attractive coat and skirt costume of very coarse diagonal serge in a delicate shade of blue. There is a quantity of original detail introduced in this design, which, moreover, is entirely subservient to the silhouette, while a clever tempering touch is introduced in the shape of black satin buttons. A delightful finish is accorded in a double collar of *tabac* brown and pale blue silk with corresponding cuffs, a cravat coming from beneath the dearest little turn-over collar of blue silk, outlined by a double frill of narrow Valenciennes lace.

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Another Attractive Suit

Another highly attractive presentment is an extremely narrow black and white striped tweed, relieved about the collar by small inserted *motifs* of billiard-board green cloth; and there is a remarkable bargain at three and a half guineas in the shape of a plain skirt and rather long, shapely, semi-fit coat, the latter lined satin. The tweeds requisitioned for this are mostly striped, such as black on Burgundy red, and other uncommon combinations.

For afternoon wear there are some enchanting cashmere dresses, with touches of embroidery across the front of the corsage, tucked net guimpes, and folded satin sashes. These run chiefly on picturesque lines, and are essentially of the moment. And yet another notable feature here are the *lingerie* Princesse gowns, a large consignment of which are already on view, a start being made at two guineas, the embroidery executed by hand. Others, again, are of net and lace, exceedingly filmy and dainty in appearance, while unprecedented appreciation has encouraged

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A Simple Coat and Skirt Costume
Of very coarse diagonal serge in a delicate shade of blue
(Sketched at Messrs. Peter Robinson's by) Dorothy Millar)

Courvoisier's Perfumes

When so famous a firm as that of Courvoisier elects to launch forth into some fresh production the heart of fastidious woman must inevitably rejoice, for every article manufactured by them stands on a level of excellence with which few dare compete.

There is nothing that tells more emphatically a true sense of refinement than a good scent, a soft, subtle fragrance enhancing and beautifying what a hard, strong perfume renders unbearable. A woman reeking of scent is an abomination, whereas everyone must wish to leave a pleasant fragrance in her wake, and it is just this latter the exquisite products of Courvoisier contrive to effect.

Courvoisier's Viotto and Havaneta perfumes are as household words in the fashionable world, which will learn with pleasure that a recent "Viotto Sachet" has been added to the long list of seductive perfumes. This dainty offering contains a pad of *souple* felt scented with the celebrated "Viotto," the object being that this soft, sweet layer can be sewn into the corsage of a dress, the delicate odour increasing in strength with the natural heat of the wearer.

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Criterion Theatre

We are informed that at the conclusion of the run of *The Real Woman*, and pending another production by Miss Evelyn Millard, Mr. Tom B. Davis has arranged on her behalf with Mr. Weedon Grossmith for the presentation on Saturday, April 3, of a new farce by R. C. Carton. Mr. Weedon Grossmith and Miss Compton will play the leading parts. Miss Millard is retaining her managerial interest in the Criterion Theatre, although she will not be appearing in Mr. Carton's play.

Miss Constance Drever

Miss Constance Drever, the young popular Scotch soprano, has been engaged by Mons. Franck, of the Théâtre du Gymnase, to create the part of the "Merry Widow" with his French company in the first production of this musical piece in Paris.

Royalty Theatre

Mr. Charles Hawtrey, who commences his season by arrangement with Mr. Tom B. Davis at the Royalty Theatre on March 20, has engaged Miss Fanny Brough for an important part in *The Noble Spaniard*, an adaptation from the French by Mr. Somerset Maugham.

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A Book for Every Season

Most of us, when we go away, like if possible to arrange for hotel or other accommodation in advance. To do this, one cannot do better than consult a recognised official guide, generally to be had at railway stations, thereby obtaining particulars of the addresses available. Recognising their passengers' needs in this direction, the Great Western Railway have now in preparation their "Holiday Haunts" Guide for next season. The book will be published shortly before Easter, and will contain a very complete list of the holiday accommodation at the various places served by their system. Last season's guide was quite the best of its kind, and there is no doubt that this enterprising Company will make the 1909 edition of "Holiday Haunts" even more useful and attractive. Proprietors of hotels, farmhouses, and other accommodation will do well to obtain particulars of the Company's arrangements in respect of the publication from the nearest G.W.R. Stationmaster without delay.

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